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LOCAL NEWS.

Eggs are selling at 15 cents a dozen.

The men at the Decatur Furniture factory are now working 10 hours each day.

The capital stock of the Bloomington Electric Light Company has been increased from $30,000 to $80,000.

Mrs. Guyton, who has taken charge of the new brick apartment house on East North street, has christened it "The Roby."

There will be preaching by Rev. D. E. May at the Methodist church at Elwin on Sunday next at 10:30 a. m, and at Blue Mound Chapel at 3 p. m.

Six persons united with the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday at Mt. Zion. They were received by Rev. D. E. May who is in charge of the circuit.

In court the appeal case of C. L. Robinson by his next friend, J. C. Robinson vs. Charles and William Bachman and John McWhinney, was dismissed by agreement.

The Knights of Labor of St. Louis are preparing for another move on the street car companies. It is expected the boycott will begin about the middle of March.

Those new lace curtains and lambrequins at Abel & Locke's are favorites with the ladies. Call and see them. A few more left.

A telegram from Mattoon states that the Rev. J. Lowery, of Cohoes, N. Y, is prominently mentioned in Catholic circles throughout Central Illinois as the coming Bishop of this, the Springfield diocese.

The celebrated Mendelssohn Quintette Club appears Friday night. They were at Springfield Saturday evening, and the audience was so carried away with the selections that they insisted on a repetition of each number on the programme

WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief? Price 10 cts., 50 cts. and $1. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

There is trouble in the English Methodist church at Pekin, of which Rev. Humes is pastor. The congregation will meet Sunday and talk over the situation. The preacher wants to give up his job because of dissatisfaction in the congregation.

The article on Decatur and its leading industries will appear in the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* about next Saturday or the following Wednesday. Mr. Leubrie has been very busy gathering facts, and firms are getting outs made for insertion.

The funeral of Bishop Baltes was held at Alton Saturday. Archbishop Feehan delivered an eloquent discourse. The remains were accompanied to a vault under the cathedral by one hundred bishops and priests. Seven relatives were present as mourners.

O. B. Moore is in jail charged with forgery. He was arrested Saturday by Constable Weitsel. James Pentecost, a farmer, owed Wm. Blenz $25. Moore was acquainted with this fact. He presented an order on Pentecost for the $25 with the name of Blenz attached and got the money. When arrested Moore said some one stole the money from him.

A NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Sold by S M Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

Friday night near Moawequa a large barn owned by Mrs. Margaret Tolson, was destroyed by fire. Seven horses, two mules, and four cows perished; and 30 tons of hay, 300 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of wheat, harness, a mower, and other utensils were consumed. Total loss, $2,100; insured for $800, in the Firemen's Association of Philadelphia.

Next in merit to the Thomas orchestra is the renowned Mendelssohn Quintette Club, of Boston, which is to appear at the opera house Friday night. Don't fail to hear them. The cultured music lovers and all others as well will be delightfully entertained by the Club. At Springfield each number won a recall.

There promises to be a large representation of Decatur music lovers at the opera house Friday night to see and hear the celebrated Mendelssohn Quintette Club from Boston. There are five artists not including the vocalist, Miss Edith Edwards, and 10 selections will be given. This noted organization well deserves the most liberal patronage. Prices 75, 50 and 25 cents. Seats on sale to-morrow morning at Curtis & Bros.'

Yesterday was the 18th birthday of the Bloomington *Leader*, and the proprietors celebrated by changing the make-up of that excellent paper and putting on an entire new dress. It is now a five-column quartor, and is a very neat-appearing daily for the price, 10 cents a week.

"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

A Relic.

We were shown to-day by Mr. J. R. Gorin a letter written at Decatur, under date of January 1, 1844, by the late George W. Powers, and addressed to Mr. Gorin at Sand Hill, Scotland county, Mo., where he then resided. The letter is without an envelope, such things not being known in those days, but was folded and sealed with a wafer, and upon its outside fold contained the address, the postmark of the office, and on one corner the amount of postage, 18¾ cents, was written—pretty expensive for carrying a letter a matter of 200 miles—and Mr. Powers, who was an enthusiastic Whig, could be well excused for indulging in the hope he expressed in his letter, that the "overburdened and oppressed people" might find relief in the triumphant election of "Harry of the West." The letter is a very interesting relic.

Doing Well.

Dr. S. H. Swain, the veterinary surgeon, whose card will be found in another part of this paper, is meeting with very gratifying success since he located in Decatur, his practice having continued to grow steadily from the very first. His services are constantly in demand, and his patrons express the greatest satisfaction with his labors. A visit to his office, on the corner of South Main and Cemetery streets, will show how thoroughly he is equipped to meet all the demands made upon him in the line of his profession, and conversation with him shows how familiar he is with the various diseases incident to domestic animals, and how much he has studied his business.

No Bids for Convict Labor.

S. H. Jones has returned to Springfield from Joliet. The *Journal* says Mr. Jones expressed very little surprise at the fact that no bids were made in answer to the Penitentiary Commissioners for contracting convict labor. He naturally attributes the fact to the agitation over convict labor and to dull times, but says the Commissioners will be obliged to advertise again within sixty days. He mentioned the fact that a year ago when convicts were let, the Commissioners could have found contractors at 80 cents a day, per man, for 1,000 more men than they had. Now they have no bids for a bare 150. The additional cost to the state accruing from this state of facts is something over $100 a day. When some one remarked that this would be a good time to go to the penitentiary, Mr. Jones said that it was not, by any means, the way the convicts look at it. They dread living in prison without anything to do.

The Old Chap Arrested.

This forenoon by order of Marshal Mason Officer Hardy took in charge that old beggar who has been going about the city entering houses unbidden and peering into windows to the alarm of women and children. He is in jail. Supervisor Hill will have him sent to the poor farm and kept there if he has to be put under lock and key. The authorities ought to be given a vote of thanks for their prompt action in ridding the people of the old nuisance.

High Score Javas.

The following certificate from the celebrated chicken fancier, J. Y. Bicknell, Buffalo, N. Y, explains itself:

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb'y 8, 1886

I have this day shipped to Mr. H. W. Hill, of Decatur, Ill., one Black Java Cockerel and eight Pullets, selected from my best stock. The average score of the nine birds is a little over 96 points. This is a high score, but it must be remembered that good, symmetrical Javas, with lustrous plumage and good combs, as is the case with these birds, justly demand a high score. Mr. Hill believes in good stock, and I believe he and his genial superintendent, Mr. Bonifield, will see that customers get good stock and good treatment. Resp'y,

J. Y. BICKNELL.

A New Issue of Illinois Central Bonds.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company, having sold all its 4 per cent bonds, decided last week to issue $2,500,000 of 3½ per cent gold bonds, to mature in 1951. The company has about $2,650,000 of 8 per cent bonds maturing on July 1, 1886, and has just paid off $550,000 8 per cents which fell due on February 1.

The Illinois Midland railway company are now using one P., D. & E. and three E. & T. H. engines. The P., D. & E. company has one new engine in the Evansville round-house that has never been used, and two that have been rebuilt, but are not in demand at present.

Dr. Peter Akers died Sunday forenoon at his home in Jacksonville and was buried to-day. He was in the 97th year of his age. He was a pioneer Methodist minister and a co-laborer with Peter Cartwright. For many years he has been superanuated, but in his time he was the leading preacher in the Illinois Conference and has attended General Conference as a delegate quite often, being frequently mentioned for the office of bishop. Dr. Akers in the early days visited Decatur on several occasions and had a large acquaintance among the older Methodists in this city. He was greatly beloved by everybody. At Jacksonville friends bought him a house where he spent his last years in comfort.

Secure bargains in fine carpets and household novelties at Abel & Locke's establishment. Special inducements are offered at this season of the year.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diptheria and Canker Mouth. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

Married 10 Years.

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, in Blue Mound township, on Feb. 22, 1876, by Rev W. L. Bankson, Mr Charles H. Williams, son of W. H. Williams, of Decatur, and Miss Ida M. Smith.

The couple reside on a fine farm adjoining Boody, and as Monday was the "tin wedding" or 10th anniversary of their happy marriage, the event was very enjoyably celebrated at their home by about 60 friends, a dozen of whom were in attendance from Decatur. It was a genuine surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Williams who had no intimation of the festivities planned in their honor. All brought an abundance of edibles for the celebration supper, served from 7 to 9 o'clock, to which all did ample justice. Many useful and appropriate gifts were presented the couple who have four bright children.

During the evening the entire company was agreeably surprised on receiving a serenade from the Boody Cornet band, an organization comprising 16 young men, John Sleeter leader. The members have been practicing but six months, but they played their selections with praiseworthy skill and artistic effect. It was their first appearance in public, and in recognition of the compliment the musicians were invited into the dwelling to partake of the feast.

He Scared His Wife.

A. J. Simonton is a blacksmith at Lincoln. Sunday night he came to the conclusion that he had lived long enough, and decided that he would go over and become an angel. Monday morning he arose very early, and after writing a note for his wife, he made tracks toward Salt Creek. When his better three-fourths got up and found the note, in which he stated he had gone to the creek to drown himself, and was so very certain that he would do so that he was enabled to describe minutely in what part of the creek his remains could be found, she was greatly alarmed, and told her friends that they had better get the coroner, find the body and hold an inquest. A searching party at once went to the creek, where he was walking along the banks of that placid stream, but when he was found he had decided to wait until the weather was warmer, so he would not take cold. He returned to the city and was about the streets all the afternoon. Mr. Simonton has always borne a good reputation, and has been considered a good citizen, but, like many others, he is a walking temperance lecture, and came to the conclusion there was nothing left for him to live for.

Corn Meal Pure and White as Snow

To the Farmers and Citizens of Macon County:

We were the first mills in the state to adopt the roller system for the manufacture of flour, whereby the famous "White Loaf" and "Daily Bread" originated, and again take the lead by being the first to adopt the same system for manufacturing "Pearl Corn Meal." By this system all the impurities are taken out, leaving the meal as pure and white as snow. We offer this meal for sale at our mills and through all the leading grocery stores; will also exchange for corn at the usual rates. Give it a trial and be convinced what we say is true.

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Big Sales in the East.

E. C. Reese, who is in the east selling the celebrated Red Birds and Traps made by the Decatur company, writes to Theron Powers, who is largely interested in the enterprise, that he is meeting with great success. In New York City Mr. Reese sold within 30 minutes 100,000 Red Birds, and could sell as many as half a dozen machines could make right along. From New York Mr. Reese goes to Boston, Philadelphia and Cleveland. The company is busy manufacturing birds and traps. The outlook for a big trade is most encouraging.

A New Way.

William T. Elliott has hit upon a novel way of closing up saloons at Shelbyville. Monday night he broke into the saloon of Thomas Dial. He opened the faucets in all the barrels, emptying on the ground the entire stock of whisky, entailing a heavy loss on the proprietor. Elliott is now in jail at Shelbyville.

Matrimonial.

A copy of the San Francisco Daily *Chronicle* of February 9th has just reached us. It contains this item of special interest:

Dr. E. C. Hall and Miss Alice Carey Shellabarger were married last week in San Jose. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. F. Compton. The wedding was private, only a few friends of the contracting parties being present. Miss Shellabarger is the daughter of Isaac Shellabarger, of Decatur, Ill., who is extensively identified with the lumber and flour interests of several Eastern states. Dr. Hall is a grandson of Lord Worthington, of England, and is one of the most popular society gentlemen of San Jose. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will remain in the city for a few weeks and then go East on a protracted visit.

Nothing New from Windsor.

Mattoon *Journal:* There are are no new developments in the strange and horrible Windsor tragedy. All are settling down to the belief that it will take time, care and expert detective work to unravel the great mystery, and fully uncover the brutal tragedy, that has disgraced the community and humanity.

McGOODWIN AND STAINES ON TRIAL.

Another Week of Criminal Cases—Verdict of Not Guilty in the Riot Case.

MONDAY, FEB 22.

The anniversary of Washington's birthday did not interfere with the business of court as it does with that of the banks and board of trade. Judge Smith arrived shortly before 11 o'clock, and after hearing a few motions, directed the selection of a jury for the cattle stealing case.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

The verdict of the jury in the riot case against John Murphy and John Gibbons was opened by the Judge. The jury found the defendants not guilty, and both were discharged.

CONVICTS IN JAIL.

Bill Carrier and John Miller, the two important witnesses in the cattle stealing case, are in jail, having been brought here from Joliet a few days ago. They were brought here at the September term and testified in the same case for the People.

SELECTING A JURY.

The case of The People vs. Al. McGoodwin and Charles Staines, charged with grand larceny, in stealing two fine steers from Joseph Arthur, in February of last year, is now on trial, and after a jury is selected, the opening statements will be made. State's Attorney Vail appears for the People, and I. A. Buckingham and Thomas Lee for Staines; Judge Nelson for McGoodwin.

At the September term the parties had a trial, but the jury failed to agree, and now another jury will have an opportunity to decide as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Reuben Betzer vs. George Priest et al; assumpsit. Defendants made party defendants to udgment.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

John A. Brown, master, vs. Joseph B. Winebrenner; foreclosure. Report of sale approved and stricken from docket.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The Cattle-Stealing Case Still on Trial—Other Items.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23.

The hearing of testimony in the grand larceny case of The People vs. Al. McGoodwin and Charles Staines is progressing with reasonable speed, considering the large number of parties summoned to tell what they know about the stealing of the Joseph Arthur cattle in February of the past year. Bill Carrier and John Miller, the two convicts from Joliet, swore yesterday that the defendants were also connected with the grand larceny. The Judge had some trouble with Miller, who was not eager to testify for fear of criminating himself, and the controversy was cut short by sending the young negro to jail. This forenoon the People closed their case, and the defendants' counsel called up a cloud of witnesses, summoned chiefly for the purpose of impeaching Carrier. Mr. Vail admitted that Carrier could be impeached, whereupon the court limited the number of witnesses for that purpose to 10, and directed the attorneys to pick out the chosen ones. The case may go to the jury this evening or to-morrow.

There are several other jury trials on the criminal docket to receive attention.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Rachael C. McDaniel et al vs. Margaret J. Muirhead et al; chancery; decree pro confesso against all defendants not answering.

Berthold Stine et al vs. Francis B. Turner et al; chancery; stricken from the docket at cost of complainants.

Sarah Cox et al vs. Abraham Reif et al.; partition; trial by jury; verdict, dower interests assessed; $200 allowed for solicitor.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

Hobert Graves pleaded guilty to burglary and larceny.

Edward Kramer, indicted for an assault and for carrying and flourishing a deadly weapon, was released on giving bonds for his appearance.

Death of Mrs. Denison.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Drusilla A. Denison, wife of Dr. C. N. Denison, died at 10:45 p m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the family residence, 877 North Church street, aged 42 years, 3 months and 18 days. The deceased had a serious nervous affection which had troubled her for a period of seven years. She leaves a husband and one son, Chas. A. Danison, aged 17 years. Mrs. Denison was a member of the Women's Relief Corps, connected with Dunham Post, No. 141, G. A. R. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the residence, Rev. Coultas officiating.

The large warehouse on East Cerro Gordo street, owned by James Millikin and lately occupied by Archer & Locher, has been leased for a term of years by V. H. Parke & Son, who will use it as a storage house and general shipping depot for home and foreign manufacturers. Parties at a distance are invited to consign goods to Parke & Son for distribution to any point desired. About eight men and a number of teams will be connected with the enterprise as soon as arrangements are completed.

The great popularity and success of Salvation Oil, the great pain destroyer, have made it a target for counterfeiters. Buy the genuine. Price 25 cents.

"Died of ammonia, poor fellow," said Mrs. Partington, on learning of a friend's death from pneumonia. "I believe I should have died, too, but for Dr. Bull's Cough Stirrup." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup she meant, of course.

Special Notice.

The Illinois Central R. R. is prepared to furnish through tickets and check baggage to all points east, west, north or south, at lowest rates. Call on agent at this place, or address W. A. Steidly, Passenger Ag't, Macon, Ill. 24 d4w1

The Decatur Y. M. C. A. are making arrangements to run a cheap excursion train to Springfield during the Rev. Sam Jones revival meeting. He is booked to begin his work there in April.

OUR LETTER BOX.

News from Home and Abroad—Prices of Produce in Kansas.

LAID TWO EGGS AT ONCE.

Clinton, Ill., Feb'y 22, '86.—Ed. Republican:—As your city has many chicken fanciers, I thought a good item would not be amiss. I found in my hen's nest two deformed eggs. Two eggs size of prairie chicken eggs with a shell connection half an inch long and one-fourth inch thick, with two eggs and stem covered with shell, all perfect. The same hen has laid her eggs regular since, regular size. This is the product of a Monmouth Buff Cochin, which entitles them to the record as the only breed that lay two eggs at once. These chickens are owned by L. H. Merriman, Clinton, Ill. These eggs will be sent to Springfield National Museum.

HERVEY CITY NEWS.

Tyng, Hall & Co., of Peoria, Ill., have appointed S. H. Phillips their buyer in this market, and say they will knock out all other buyers, but Shorty says they have not the sand and pluck to do it.....Messrs. Edward Remis, J. R. Phillips, and Misses Conover and Henson spent the 20th inst. in Decatur, celebrating the 2 th birthday of J. R. Phillips. Johnny says he has his sleigh for next winter.....Mr. G. W. Sumner spent Monday in Dalton. We are glad to hear that he intends settling among the Herveyites, and hope soon to see that fair lady from Toledo returning and taking charge of a quiet little residence for Shorty, where we will all be glad to meet him.....Mr. W. M. Phillips buried an infant child on Monday, the 15th, at Arcola..... Mrs. E. D. Hamocker is visiting at her daughter's..... Mr. Will Parson, of Kentucky, who has been visiting his uncle, A. M. Phillips, returned home last week .....Mr. Ward, of the Midland R'y, has, it is believed, severed his connection with all friends in Decatur and now hides at home..... Don't let the boys do you up, George! Hot stuff is very savory, but all must shun the straw stack and ice cream freezer. Who was it?

Feb'y 23d, 1886. Timber.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb'y 15.—Eds Republican:—Enclosed you will find a dollar for the Weekly Republican for another year; we can not do without it even in California, for we always like to hear from old Macon. If we wouldn't read the eastern paper we would not think about the cold winter, but I read of the cold weather you have there while it is so nice and warm here. We haven't seen any snow since we left Illinois. I like California far better than I expected and find that it far exceeds my anticipations. The climate is as nearly perfect as we could wish for. Our valley is a lovely place to live in. We can raise nearly all the fruit they can raise in Southern California; some fruit trees are in blossom. We raise very fine wine and table grapes. All the people I know from Illinois are very well satisfied here. Resp'y, Andrew Hessel.

FROM KANSAS.

McPherson, Kan., Feb'y 10.—Eds. Republican:—In reading your valuable paper I some times notice letters from Kansas, and never seeing any from this part of the state and thinking a few items would be of interest to some of your many readers, I thought I would try and represent this county. We have had a very severe winter, and a great deal of stock froze to death. Some had no more shelter for their cattle than a wire fence affords. We are having very nice weather now, and farmers are plowing for oats. Good cattle are worth 4½ cents a pound, and hogs $3.50 a hundred; wheat 35 and 40 cents; corn 18 cents, and oats 22 cents. G.

Still Wrapped in Mystery.

It is now over a week since the attempted outrage and almost successful attempt at taking the life of Miss Georgia Aldridge by hanging her to a tree in her father's dooryard in Windsor took place, and the case seems to be about as much of a mystery as it was when first discovered. No arrests have been made, because the evidence is not sufficiently strong to warrant such a move against suspected parties, while the person whom most people believe to be the guilty one makes a pretty clear statement as to his whereabouts at the time the deed was committed, though there is little to corroborate it outside of his own family. Miss Georgia Aldridge, the resuscitated victim, is recovering gradually, and has related all the incidents she can recall to memory to a committee of Windsor's Anti-Horse Thief Association, which order seem to be making haste slowly to investigate the atrocious case. The total cash reward offered for the capture and conviction of the dastardly villain is about $1000.

It is a good rule to accept only such medicines as have, after long years of trial, proved worthy of confidence. This is a case where other people's experience may be of great service, and it has been the experience of thousands that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best cough medicine used.

The chances are that one of the largest audiences of the season will be present Saturday evening to see Michael Strogoff. The sale of seats begins to-morrow morning.

Two country school teachers near Waynesville having challenged the school of Miss Nettie Richards, of Waynesville, to a spelling match, and offered to stake $1 on the result of the contest, Miss Richards responded by depositing $25 to be met by each of the two teachers. Her proposition is that Miss Welch, the county superintendent of schools, select 150 words, that the three schools meet, and that the school missing the fewest number of words shall receive $75.

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:

Wheat—86¼ May; 87⅞ June.
Corn—37⅜ March; 37⅝ April; 40¾ May.
Oats—29¾ March; —— April; 32⅝ May.
Pork—$10 92½ March; $11 02½ April; $11 12½ May.
Lard—$6.05 March; —— April; $6 15 May.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Edward Priest has gone to Danville to prepare prescriptions in the Brand drug store.

Dr. J. H. Axton, of Maroa, has purchased residence property in Bloomington for $4,000, and will make his home in that city.

W. H. Linn is in New York, where he will remain several weeks purchasing the most stylish and serviceable dry goods, etc, for the house of Linn & Scruggs.

The invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mayme Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis, and Mr. A. B. Cherrier, of Quebec, Canada. The ceremony will occur at "The Roby" on East North street at 8 p. m, Tuesday, March 2d. The couple will reside at 12 Garneau, Quebec, Canada.

Capt. F. S. Mosher, banker at Sandwich, and the grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge I. O. M. Aid, which disbursed $70,000 in benefits last year, paid us a short call to-day in company with John Irwin, Mr. M.'s predecessor as treasurer.

William A. Grubbs, formerly city editor of the *Daily Review*, died on the 14th at Hot Springs, Ark., aged 35 years. He will be remembered by our people as a quiet, gentlemanly young man, of much literary ability. He was in poor health when he left Decatur to travel in Texas for a St. Louis paper house. He leaves a young wife.

Rev. Walter Moore, late Rector of St. John's Church, departed this noon for his new home in Chicago, accompanied by his family. He will assume charge of the Calvary Episcopal church in Chicago at an increased salary. Rev. Moore's departure is generally regretted by the Parish and our citizens who have known him for seven years. He has accomplished a good work for the Decatur Parish and leaves with the best wishes of all our people.

ARE THEY GUILTY?

The Attorneys Talking to the Jury in the Cattle Case.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24.

The drippings of the testimony in case of The People vs. Albert McGoodwin and Charles Staines, charged with grand larceny, were unloaded on the jury this forenoon, and Judge Smith gave each side an hour and a half to review the evidence and plead with the jury. Much of the testimony is of a contradictory character. How the jury will decide is a matter that will not be known with any degree of certainty until a verdict is rendered. The jury will get the case this evening.

CRIMINAL CASES.

People vs. Hobart Graves; burglary and larceny. Defendant having pleaded guilty, was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years on first count, and 10 days in county jail on second count.

People vs. Jacob Walters; grand larceny. Defendant having pleaded guilty to petit larceny, was sentenced to county jail for six months.

People vs. Edgar Posey; petit larceny. Defendant released on giving $300 bond with J. R. Hight as security.

People vs. Robert Kincaid; selling liquor to minor. Defendant released on giving $500 bond with Henry Bauer as security.

People vs. Robert Kincaid; keeping open tippling house. Defendant released on giving $500 bond, with Henry Bauer as security.

People vs. John Diehl; having and carrying a deadly weapon. Defendant released on giving $200 bond with Philip Diehl as security.

FOR DYSPEPSIA and Liver Complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

The quails in several counties in Kansas were about all frozen to death during the recent cold wave.

This is Prof. Ferry's last week in the city. His examinations are giving general satisfaction. Remember, his 75-cent verbal examination will satisfy you as to the accuracy of Phrenology, and give you valuable suggestions. Office—No. 116 N. Water street. feb22-d&w1w

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

THE REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

MARRIED.

At 12 o'clock to-day at Bethany, Ill., Mr. A. W. Atchison, of Macon, and Miss Blanche Betts, of Morrow county, Ohio.

DIED.

From Monday's Daily.

In this city on Saturday, February 20, of puerperal fever, Mrs. Mary E. Estler, aged 40 years, wife of Thomas C. Estler.

Her infant daughter only a week old died on Saturday morning. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the family residence, 757 North Monroe street, and was attended by hundreds of friends. It was probably the largest funeral in point of numbers ever witnessed at a private house. Rev. M. S. Newcomer was the officiating clergyman. Mother and daughter were interred in Greenwood in the same coffin. The pall-bearers were D. T. Sherman, Hiram Wilson, George Hiser, Geo. W. Lyon, Philip Berry and R. T. Davis. The deceased leaves a husband and five children, the eldest 17 and the youngest 8 years of age.

DIED.

At St. Mary Hospital, Feb. 23, at 3:30 a. m., of consumption, Mrs. Ellen Leech, aged 29 years.

The deceased was the wife of Amos Leech, a bridge carpenter, and leaves three daughters.

At her home on South Webster street, in this city, on Monday, Feb. 22, of puerperal fever, Ella, wife of Frank Meyer, aged 24 years.

At her home in Wheatland township, on Monday, Feb. 22, Mrs. Clarissa James, aged 89 years.

The gooseberry owes its nativity to the lard of the Briton.

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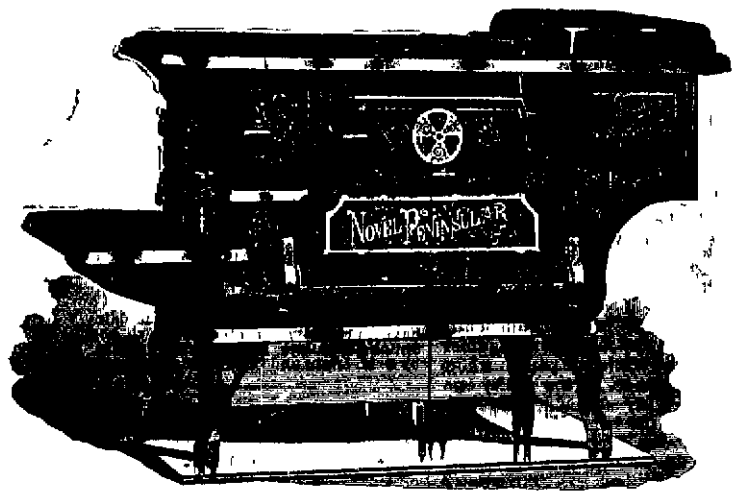

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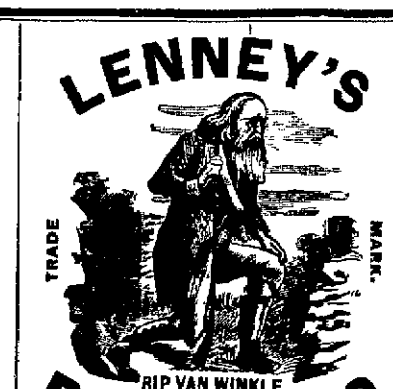

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IT ENRICHES THE SOIL.

Pat Clark and His Experience with Lime on Land—Big Crop.

Mr Patrick Clark, the well-known farmer west of Decatur is a man of original ideas and he always keeps up with the times He came from New York state where the farmers use condemned lime in the soil to great advantage He had had experience with the lime on the land there, and two years ago he decided to buy some to use on his place to make a test of the scheme. He set apart 10 acres of timber land, and procured 100 bushels of condemned lime at a greatly reduced price from Mr. David Martin, the Decatur lime merchant, and he put the lime on the land, giving 10 bushels to each acre. The lime kept the soil warm, kept the bugs and insects away, and as the land was sown in wheat that year it yielded an increase of 8 to 10 bushels to the acre over adjoining land on which no lime had been placed Mr Clark had no trouble at all with the 10 acres The wheat seemed to flourish from the start It was hardy and the grains were larger than from other fields Mr Clark planted the 10 acres in corn, and the entire field flourished through good and bad seasons, producing nearly 20 bushels to the acre more than the ground on which no lime was used. Specimens of the corn grown on the limed soil have been shown in the REPUBLICAN sanctum, and an ear is now in the office for inspection. Mr Clark has demonstrated that air-slacked lime in the soil will produce better and greater crops. It is not an experiment. It is a success, and he cheerfully recommends that other farmers go and do likewise. Mr Martin will no doubt supply farmers with condemned lime, suitable for the purpose at moderate figures His office is at the corner of Morgan and East Cerro Gordo streets

OTHER TESTS.

Below we give additional tests with condemned lime, obtained from David Martin, this city:

In 1843 Mr. Law, who resides 4 miles south of Decatur, came to my kilns in Sangamon county, got a load of lime to check the progress of army worm on his meadow. Slacked and spread over while dew was on. Thirty-five years afterward he said he saw the effect of that lime for twenty years, and it was the most profitable investment he ever made.

Fifteen years ago E. Wade bought 100 bushels slacked lime, spread over his land, and next year his wheat yielded 15 bushels more to the acre Recently he got a few more bushels for potatoes, and reports it a success—larger potatoes and better flavor

Twelve years ago F Aholtz had lime slack on his hands and hauling it on his cornfield it gave a result for the better that is apparent every year.

Mr G M. Kizer, of Mosaiqua, Ill., had ten barrels of lime to slack unsold. Offering a farmer to take and spread it on land and take payment in the increase of the first year's crop In 1884 it was 16 bushels of wheat.

For years the Furrow family, in Sangamon county, were in the habit of mixing ashes and slack lime around their apple trees as far as the branches spread, and the result was they had early and fine crops and sometimes it was the only orchard that bore fruit in that locality.

Farmers, feed your land, and it will feed you I am prepared to give low prices on slack lime in car lots; also Land Plaster.
Correspondence solicited.
feb11-w1m D MARTIN,

Pay Your Taxes.

The taxes for 1885 are now due, and as the time for collection is short, it is necessary that tax payers should come forward without delay. Office with Mills Bros., over Linn & Scruggs' store. Office hours, from 8 a m. to 8.30 p. m.

H. MAHANNAH, Collector.
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LADIES' finest line of Slippers, at J H. Black & Son's. feb11-d&wtf

"COLLECTING dog photographs is the latest fashionable craze," as the Boston *Journal* learns.

AN immense line of Gents' Underwear, from 25c up to the very finest imported made, at B. Stine's. 21 d&wtf

A CHURCH in the town of Westfield, Mass., is giving chromos to induce attendance at its evening services.

OUR Spring stock is arriving, and we are giving the best bargains ever offered in the Shoe trade. Don't forget the popular Shoe house of
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LUDLOWS Ladies' fine Shoes, from $3 00 to $6.00 J H Black & Son.

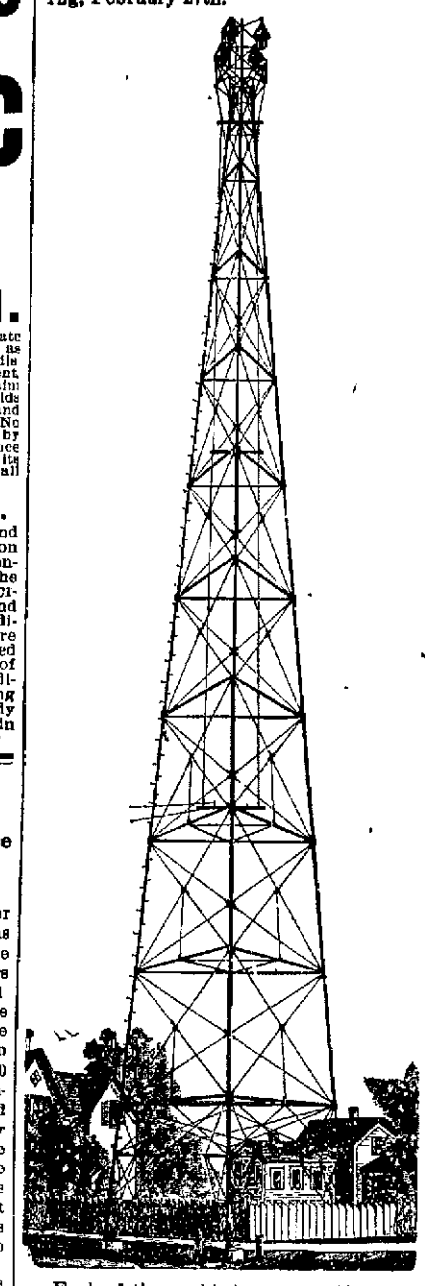
ONLY 326,411 immigrants entered the United States the last year, a decrease of 19 per cent. since the previous year.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Picture of One of the Tall Towers Now in Position.

The New Light to be Given Decatur About February 27th.

The REPUBLICAN is enabled to-day to present to its readers an exact picture of one of the eight tall towers now in course of erection about the city, to be used in bathing Decatur in a blaze of Jenney electric light, on or about Saturday evening, February 27th.



Each of the eight towers is 125 feet high, and weighs exactly 6,000 pounds. The distance from corner to corner at the base is 22 feet; at the top, under the basket, only 1 foot, 8 inches. The basket is 7½ feet high, and is 6 feet across. Commencing at the top, the first section is 6 feet long; the second section, 8 feet long; third section, 10 feet, and each of the remaining 8 sections to the ground is 12 feet long The towers rest upon solid brick foundations 5 feet deep, and each corner is securely fastened to three iron rods that run up through the brick from the bottom of the foundation to the surface. The rods are also firmly braced by heavy iron plates above and below. The main supports of the towers—the corner uprights of the double cross pattern—are made of the finest Bessemer steel, the braces of wrought iron, and the joints are tied and screwed firmly together with malleable iron castings. At the top of each tower will be adjusted five electric lamps, and the carbons will be renewed each day by the party engaged to climb to the top each day by means of the little steps indicated at the left of the picture.

The towers were built by the Star Iron Tower Company, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They are the O'Bierne patent, and are in use in no less than thirty cities throughout the country, all having been put up since 1880 In Detroit the city is lighted entirely by the tower system, 94 being in use, and the expense per annum is $110,000

Mr. W. H. O'Bierne, superintendent of construction for the Star Iron Tower Company, now in the city directing the work, is a young man who thoroughly understands his business. He thinks the new light will be ready by this day a week, and says that there is no question but that Decatur will be one of the best lighted cities in the west.

The steam power for generating the electricity will be supplied at the water works, south of the city. The Jenney Company has a fine engine in position, and will place on firm foundations two dynamos of 30 light power each Decatur will start with 50 lights, 40 of which are to be used on the eight towers, and 10 to be used for the low, or mast arm lights, placed at the intersection of shaded streets where sufficient illumination from the towers may not penetrate.

We notice that Superintendent McDonald, of the Jenney Electric Light Company, has lately been at New Orleans, where he has been adding to the plant in that city. New Orleans has 528 pole lights at street corners, and 40 towers of five lamps each, back of the town. The apparatus of the company there is the most extensive in the world; it consists of twenty engines, each 100 horse power, and 40 dynamos of thirty lights each. In the business portions of New Orleans the pole, or mast, lights are placed at every intersection, and the result is that the Crescent city is the best lighted city in the world.

PROVIDENCE *Journal:* One sentence of Joseph Cook's last Monday lecture was delivered in the vernacular, pure Bostonese, as follows: "Webster, Lincoln, Garfield, Sumner, Chase, Garrison, Phillips, Longfellow, Emerson, are gone, and we are going." It is easy to imagine the audience chanting the fervent response: "And we don't feel very well ourselves"

A Dreadful Disease.

Read, ponder and profit thereby. Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs is conceded by all who have used it to excel any preparation in the market as a complete throat and lung healer. All persons afflicted with that dreadful disease—Consumption—will find speedy relief and in a majority of cases a permanent cure. The proprietor has authorized Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, No. 14 east side new square, to refund the money to any party who has taken three-fourths of a bottle without relief. Price 50 cents and $1. *Trial size free* b2

A PIECE of marble has been discovered, it may be scarcely necessary to add, in Georgia, with veins which are said to perfectly outline the human form.

UP in Greenland it is nothing to run a daily newspaper. The days are three months long. A newspaper has just been started there which promises to make "bear stories a specialty."

MINISTER TO TURKEY COX is visiting the land of the Pharaohs, and will probably visit the Pyramids. It is understood that Mr. Cox has about abandoned all hope of ever seeing another Democratic pyramid in this country.

A MATHEMATICIAN who had a little spare time recently weighed the earth, and found that it tipped the scales at exactly 5,855,000,000,000,000 tons.

BUTTERCUPS are among the most expensive flowers of February, a small cluster of the yellow beauties costing $2 and $3.

Coughs and Colds.

At this season nearly every one "takes a cold." King of Oils will promptly relieve it as well as catarrh, diphtheria, rheumatism, burns, frostbites, etc Give it a trial—only 25 cents Prepared only by Dr. H. G. Chapman & Son, Taylorville, Ill. Sold in Decatur by Dr A J Stoner and W. C. Armstrong d&wly

LILY CURRY, "The prettiest literary woman in New York," is doing newspaper work of a critical character.

A GRUDGE against a Sing Sing blacksmith was meanly taken out of his colt from which some dastard cut the tail.

NOT less than seven German Generals will complete their fiftieth year of active service during 1886.

ONE of the former wealthiest and most successful whaling masters died in the almshouse in New Bedford.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The BEST SALVE fo the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum. fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or your money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Swearingen & Hubbard, al

MEN'S Gum Boots, $2 00. J. H. Black & Son. feb11-d&wtf

AN elegant line of Custom-made Overcoats, perfect in fit, new in design, and elegantly made up, at reasonable prices, at B. Stine's. 21-d&wtf

BABY Carriages.

You will not carry the baby around in your arms after examining the styles and prices of Baby Carriages at

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TO ADVERTISE and meet with success requires a knowledge of the value of newspapers and a correctly displayed advt. To secure such information as will enable you to advertise JUDICIOUSLY CONSULT LORD AND THOMAS NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

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SICK

[illegible] this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. [illegible] they only cure

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head.

ACHE

Is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail.

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We will present every lady purchasing goods in Decatur, who will favor us with her name and address, *in person*, a Ticket entitling her to a chance in 84 prizes, namely:—

1 prize of 25 yards best Lowell Ingrain Carpet.
1 prize of 20 yards best Colored $1.00 Silk.
1 prize of one $25 Cloak.
1 prize of $20 in Gold.
1 prize of one pair best $8.00 Blankets.
1 prize of one best $5.00 Parasol.
1 prize of one best $5.00 Rug.
5 prizes each of one best White $3.00 Quilt.
12 prizes each of one pair best $2.00 Kid Gloves.
10 prizes each of one best $1.00 Corset.
50 prizes each of One Dollar in Gold,

The Drawing to take place the First of January, 1887.

The prizes will be distributed under the direction of such persons as the Ticket holders shall designate.

☞Please Note the Fact that we do not require any one to buy goods of us in order to reimburse us for the Ticket we give them. And as each article possesses real value, they can be exchanged for any other article in merchandise.

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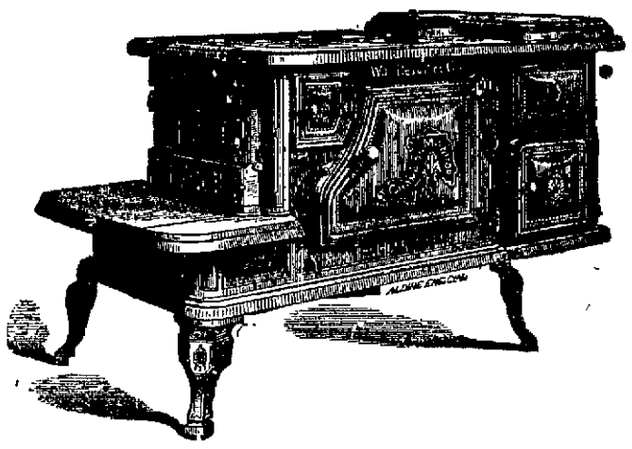
"MONITOR."



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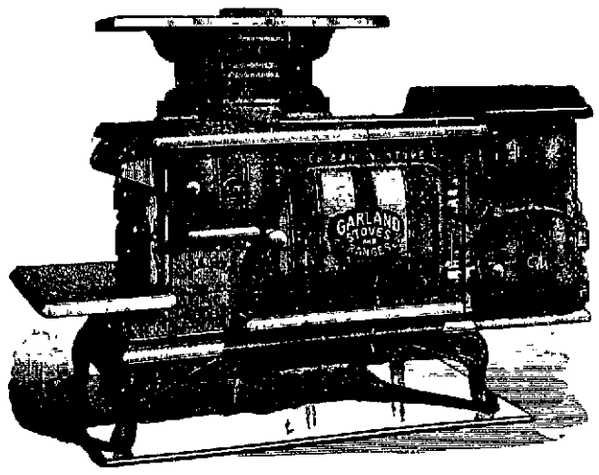

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LOCAL NEWS.

THE jury gave Effie Bainter a year at Joliet.

THE grand jury was in session 18 days, and each member earned $2 a day.

LET'S have a Poultry Association and give outside breeders a chance to see and down our prize chickens, if they can.

ALL Decatur banks will be closed on Monday, February 22. It is a legal holiday and will be observed as such.

REV. DR. TALMAGE will lecture at the Opera House *March 18th.* 18-wtd

THE celebrated New Deal Wheel Walking Plow. It is the lightest draft and the best plow out. For sale by Spencer, Lehman & Co. Feb18-wtf

THE big hotel at Niantic has been sold by C. W. Clark to W. R. Kizer who will take possession on Monday next.

THERE is a sign posted on the O. S. electric tower: "Don't touch or climb this tower—$5 fine."

THE strike among the miners at Lincoln has ended, and both mines are in operation. The men received a concession and resumed work.

GOV. OGLESBY perceives no urgency for calling a special session of the legislature to consider the report of the revenue commission.

ELECTRIC light is all the talk and so are the low prices for stylish carpets at Abel & Locke's establishment.

THE Sylvan combines all the advantages of the tongue and tongueless cultivators and has none of the faults of either. Call at Spencer, Lehman & Co.'s and see it. Feb18-wtf

THE total number of soldiers furnished by Illinois during the war was 226,592, being apportioned among two regiments of artillery, 17 of cavalry and 149 of infantry.

THE Odd Fellows of Chicago propose to erect a temple to accommodate the sovereign grand lodge and the grand lodge of the state. It will cost half a million dollars.

THIS week A. W. Bear sold to John P Lehn 80 acres of land lying near Bearsdale. The consideration was $4400—$55 per acre. The sale was made through the agency of Randolph & Gher.

HARRY TERRILL is the captain of the newly organized camp of Sons of Veterans at Mattoon. It is named in honor of Col. James Monroe, who fell on the field of battle. There were 19 charter members.

C. B. BOSTWICK, editor of the Mattoon *Gazette*, a republican newspaper, who for a year past has held an important inspectorship in the service of the war department, has been removed. The notice from Secretary of War Endicott stated that the removal was due to "offensive partisanship."

M. W. MATHEWS, of Urbana, has been engaged as attorney for the defense in the Dewees murder case at Monticello. L. P. Dewees is charged with the murder of his wife recently, in Piatt county. The case has been set for the September term.

H. W. HILL has a new invention at his prize poultry yard. It is a "brooder," a house in which in cold weather young chicks just hatched can hop about and stretch their wings. It is heated by means of gas, and Mr. Hill asserts that it is a big success. It can be seen at the yard any time.

THERE was a terrible tragedy near Bloomington Thursday night. David Sholty, aged 70, who had been demented for many years, became violently insane. He shot three people, Mrs. Levi Shortly 13 times, and then went to the $7,000 barn, set it on fire and was cremated in the conflagration. The charred remains of the maniac were found in the wreck yesterday.

ARCHITECT PATTERSON has completed the drawings for the English Lutheran church to be erected on the corner of North Main and William streets. It will be a handsome brick structure with no stores beneath it, as many suppose will be the case.

DURING the state G. A. R. encampment at Springfield this week Gov. Oglesby gave a dinner party at the Mansion to members of his regiment, the Eighth Illinois, then in the city. There were 12 in the party, among them Capt. George S. Durfee, of Decatur.

MEN'S heavy Boots, from $2 00 to $4.00. J. H. Black & Son. feb11-d&wtf

CALL on Spencer, Lehman & Co., when you want to make a purchase of the best Wind Engine out. It is the Iron Turbine. d&wtf

THE finest line of Children's Shoes in the city. J. H. Black & Son.

THE newly elected officers of the state G. A. R. department are Gen. Post, of Galesburg, Department Commander; T. C. Fullerton, of Ottawa, Senior Vice; Enos Bond, of Chicago, Junior Vice; E. D. Wilkin, of Danville, Chaplain; A. T. Barnes, of Bloomington, Surgeon. Gov. Oglesby and Worth Bradley were elected among the delegates to the National Encampment.

THE Deere Planter and Check-rower, the finest in the land, for sale at Spencer, Lehman & Co.'s old stand. F18-wtf

CARTER'S Little Liver Pills positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. This is not talk but truth. One pill a dose. To be had of all druggists. See advertisement. f4 wlmo

Attention, Farmers!

It will be to your interest to read J. G. Starr & Son's advertisement on fifth page of this issue. oct8-wtf

EFFIE BAINTER GIVEN A YEAR AT JOLIET.

Such Was the Vote of the Jury After Staying Awake all Night.

Motion by Defendant for a New Trial.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18.

The court room was full of people again this forenoon, all expecting to hear the verdict of the jury in the Effie Bainter assault to murder case, William Ammann, her lover for about a year, being the prosecuting witness. The jury got the case yesterday afternoon after the counsel had made their arguments and the court had read his instructions.

VERDICT OF GUILTY.

The jury brought in a verdict shortly before nine o'clock, finding Effie Bainter guilty and fixing time she shall serve in the penitentiary at one year. Mr. Buckingham for the defendant at once entered a motion for a new trial, and the young woman, who took the verdict coolly, was taken back to the county jail. It is asserted that Miss Bainter's counsel has knowledge that one or more of the jurymen were not qualified to serve on the jury for the alleged reason that previous to the trial they had made declarations as to what punishment the defendant should receive, one of imprisonment. The jurymen were B. F. Boyse, W. H. Slaughter, Harrison Cross, G. W. Jones, W. W. Shockey, L. C. Davis, Wm. Armstrong, John Kaylor, B. F. Price, W. N. Lanham, B. Cleghorn and W. B. Robinson.

The jury on the first ballot stood 6 for conviction and 6 for acquittal, and they disagreed on the term of imprisonment, the limit being 6 years. At 9 o'clock last night they stood 11 for conviction and 1 for acquittal. At 8 30 a. m. to-day the jury reached an agreement as to guilt. The united age of the jurymen was 527 years; the eldest 57 years, youngest 29; Methodists, 3; Christian, 1; United Brethren, 1; no church, 7; for prohibition, 6; high license, 6; Blaine, 7; Cleveland, 4; St. John, 1; ex-soldiers, 5; farmers, 8; bridge carpenter, 1; laborers, 2; carpenters, 2; manufacturer, 1. No. using no tobacco or cigars, 4; heaviest weight, 190 pounds; lightest, 140; united weight, 2015; natives of Illinois, 5; of Kentucky, 2; of Ohio, 2; of Tennessee, 1; of West Virginia, 1; of Indiana, 1. One juryman had lived in Macon county 35 years, and one had been married 12 years. Owners of dogs 5; of no dogs, 7. The jury was awake all night.

THE MURPHY CASE.

People vs. John Murphy; assault to do bodily injury. Trial by jury. The defendant is one of the young men charged with having cut Eli Ulery, at the wagon yard, in October last. Counsel for the defendant are Nelson & Harnsbarger and Thomas Lee. For the People, State's Attorney Vail and W. C. Johns.

CHANCERYE DOCKET.

Edward C. Kretzer vs. Jemima Kretzer et al; dower and partition. Guardian fee, $50, allowed E. R. Eldridge, who at his request was relieved from further service. I. R. Mills was appointed guardian in his stead.

David H. Harts vs. Eliza C. Cooper et al; foreclosure. Report of sale approved, and stricken with leave.

F. H. Lechler vs. Henry Hempstead et al; foreclosure. Motion to set aside sale allowed and a resale ordered.

Joseph Munes vs. Mary P. Hart et al; foreclosure. Report of master approved.

AHOLTZ TO BE TRIED IN DECATUR.

Judge Smith, After Hearing the Affidavits, Overrules the Motion for Change of Venue.

Other Criminal Cases Under Consideration.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19.

The jury in the case of The People vs. John Murphy, indicted for assaulting Eli Ulery, with intent to do bodily injury, brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty. The Judge will fix the punishment, which will be a fine or jail sentence, or both at his discretion. Motion was entered for a new trial.

THE RIOT CASE.

John Murphy and John Gibbons have been on trial since yesterday, charged with riot in connection with the assault on Ulery. A number of prisoners in the county jail were brought over to testify to-day.

CHANGE OF VENUE NOT GRANTED.

The court this forenoon rendered a decision in the two cases where Fred. Aholtz had asked for a change of venue, on the ground that he did not believe that he could get a fair trial in this county, owing to the alleged prejudice that exists against him. Judge Smith had been presented with 107 affidavits on behalf of Aholtz, 87 being made by Decatur citizens, and 20 by people residing in the country. State's Attorney Vail, in opposing the motion, furnished the court with 281 counter affidavits, most of which came from the country. The court stated that he had read the affidavits and had concluded to overrule the motion for a change of venue. So Mr. Aholtz will have to be tried in this county.

Y. M. C. A. Statistics for January.

Visitors at Reading Rooms			879
Gymnasium—			
Members			275
Boys Branch			369
Visitors			525
Total			1,169
Boys' Branch meetings—average	35,		108
Cottage " — "	20,		79
Young Men's " — "	31,		123
Gospel " — "	44,		229
Bible study, S. S. lesson— "	13,		57
Jail service — "	18,		78
Workers' Bible class — "	16,		82
Pratical Talk c— "	90,		90
Board meetings — "	10,		10
Two sociables — "	241,		482
Six Educational Classes— "	10,		236
Total attendance during month.			3,620
Number professed conversions.			2
" united with church			3
" papers and magazines given away			231
" young men furnish'd material help			5

W. E MANN, Gen'l Sec'y.

Recent Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Devore, on the 18th, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Melhorn, on the 18th, a son.

The Largest Woman in Illinois.

SHELBYVILLE, ILL., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Sarah Durban, wife of James Durban, of this city, died this morning of paralysis. Without question, she was the largest woman in the state. Forty years ago, when a bride, she was of slight build, her waist measuring but eighteen inches. A few years later she became fleshy, and finally acquired the remarkable weight of nearly 500 pounds. Until recently her health had been good.

The Tanner Stock.

Maroa *Times*: Messrs. J. O. Beatty and W. F. Hill have bought out the entire stock of harness and saddles of the late E. Tanner, of Decatur, and will continue the business in that city under the firm name of Hill & Beatty. Mr. Hill will have charge of the Decatur business, and Mr. Beatty will remain here as heretofore.

The Degree Staff Abroad.

From Thursday's Daily.

About twenty members of the Degree Staff of Celestial Lodge 186, I. O. O. F., who visited Farmer City last night, arrived home this morning, tired and sleepy, but still in the field ready for duty. They left yesterday forenoon on a Midland special, connecting with the Central train at Kenney, in charge of C V. Clifford, conductor: Jim Meldrum, engineer, and Frank Pratt, fireman. At Farmer City the Staff, which was commanded by Captain Patterson, was entertained in a splendid manner by P. M. Holloway, ex-mayor and U. S. express agent, Noble Grand Eppstein also extending the hospitalities of the citizens. As mementoes of the visit each member got a pretty bronze horse shoe, bearing the emblems of the order. At the meeting of Farmer City Lodge the Staff exemplified the floor and unwritten work in the presence of a great crowd of spectators. The Decatur boys speak in high praise of their royal entertainment, and say Farmer City is an ideal town for a good time.

Base Ball Chat.

Mr. A. S. Morgan has commenced his canvass for subscribers to the proposed base ball association. Just 100 shares at $25 each are offered, and they should be taken quickly, in order that preparations may be made for the introduction of the National game. Mr. Morgan is in receipt of letters from numerous good players. About $600 will be required to build a park and amphitheatre, and the stockholders will decide where the park shall be located. When the park is established Mr. Morgan will have two to three league clubs here a month, so that good entertainment will be furnished the public. Business men generally should take up the shares. The expense will not be great, and possibly a handsome dividend will be declared at the close of the season. Crowds of country people will come to Decatur to witness the games, if a good club is secured.

Proved He Is Not Guilty.

The man at Windsor suspected of the hanging outrage on Miss Georgia Aldridge has been visited by a committee of citizens, and he succeeded in satisfying them that he had not been out of his dwelling Friday night. Governor Oglesby has issued a proclamation offering a reward of $200 for the apprehension and conviction of the culprit who attacked Miss Aldridge. The lady is slowly improving. This seems to be another Emma Bond mystery, with some of the revolting features left out. Skilled detectives are at work on the case and may stumble upon the guilty wretch.

At Rest.

From Thursday's Daily.

A large number of friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Hiram Dillehunt, which took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence on East Marietta street. The Knights of Pythias Lodge, of which Mr. Dillehunt is a member, attended in a body. About the casket were placed many beautiful floral offerings from county and township officers. The funeral sermon, which was very touching in character, was delivered by Rev. Mrs. Sophie Gibb, pastor of the Universalist church. Music was furnished by a select choir. The body was laid at rest in Greenwood cemetery in the presence of a large number of neighbors and friends. The pall-bearers were W. P Shade, Henry McClellan, W. W. Foster, E. Jett, A. J. Chronister and L. Taylor. The bereaved husband is left with four children, the youngest a week old.

Niantic News Notes.

John Wacker lost a valuable horse on Monday.

John Faris has sold his fine carriage team.

Harvey Stevenson has returned from his farm near Decatur.

Miss Serena Holmes and Mrs. M. Holmes, of Harristown, and Mrs. Nettie Ilginfritz, of Indiana, are visiting in our burg to-day.

Aaron Smick, of Decatur, was in our city on business Tuesday.

W. T. Cunningham, representing the well-known firm of A. L. Webster & Co., fancy grocers of Danville, was in our city in the interests of that firm on Tuesday.

Last Saturday was pay day at the coal shaft, consequently the boys were happy.

Prof. R. E. Warren has closed his lectures at this place. He met with great success.

John Cussins is rusticating in Chicago. He will return on Thursday.

We understand that there will be two or three weddings in our city in the near future. Wonder who they are? X.

Prosperity of the Woman's Relief Corps

Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps for the department of Illinois, reported at the annual session of the association at Springfield that the membership of the body has increased during the year 515, making the active membership at the present time 1,177. There were 210 new members gained by the institution of new posts during the year. There was expended $947 for charity, and there remains on hand to the credit of the relief fund $1,224, and the general fund $1,492. The full number of delegates appointed, over one hundred, were present, including representatives from Decatur.

Harry Snarr's Purchase.

The popular fruit and confection store at 155 North Water street, has been sold by Leo Ebert to Harry Snarr, lately a saleman at Linn & Scruggs' store. Harry is in full possession, and will put in a new stock and otherwise brighten the establishment.

THE residence property at No. 1140 East William street, belonging to F. A. Leforgee and wife, has been sold to William Berry and wife. The consideration was $1100.

Proposed Poultry Association.

It is suggested by several chicken breeders that Macon county should have a Poultry Association, and steps will be taken at once to arrange the preliminaries. The first meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at Bartholomew & Co.'s store, and all breeders in the city and county are invited to be present and give a free interchange of views on the proposition. Decatur claims to have the finest yards of thoroughbred chicks on earth, and they loom up like an electric light on the big towers. An association with all the breeders as members thereof will advertise Decatur as the best poultry the people can get, and it would pave the way for county, district, state and National chicken shows in Decatur, bringing hundreds of visitors to our city. Some of the Decatur breeders are H. W. Hill, E. D. Bartholomew, Bert Meriweather, Emil Young, R. J. Simpson, Theo. Bobb, H. W. Bartholomew and others, and there are yards at Maroa, Forsyth, Harristown and Macon. Let there be a large turnout at the Tuesday night meeting.

The Henry--Scott Wedding.

On Wednesday, February 17th, at the home of the bride's parents, in Mt. Zion township, Miss Rhoda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, was united in marriage with Mr. M. L. Henry. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bankson, in the presence of quite a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom, whose congratulations and good wishes for their future happiness were hearty and sincere. After the ceremony, a bountiful and nicely arranged wedding supper was served, to which the guests did ample justice. The presents were both numerous and very appropriate. This was a happy wedding, and it is seldom, indeed, that a bride and groom start out in life with brighter prospects for a happy future. May all their fondest hopes be realized.

About Winter Wheat.

An agricultural exchange which is supposed to know something about it says, that seldom has the fall and winter weather been more favorable for wheat than it has been this year. The early fall was a little wet, but plenty of dry weather came in due season, and the balmy weather which was prolonged, left it in the best possible condition. During the recent cold snap all vegetation was amply protected by the snow, and unless some unusual hard freezes come, which are not to be expected, the season of 1886 will yield a regular old-fashioned Illinois wheat crop.

Must Remove the Screens.

The liquor traffic ordinance adopted by the Decatur city council last night will no doubt prove unpopular not only to the saloon keepers but also to all patrons of such institutions. The ordinance is practically the same as the old one, with the exception that it orders that all screens in barrooms shall be removed and that there shall be no obstruction whatever to the view of the drinking place and bar from the street pavements.

As soon as the weather permits Bobb & Krentel will commence the erection of a handsome octagon cottage on the Montgomery lot on North Main street, which will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Montgomery. It will be a house of eight rooms.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice on the 19th, a son.

Captain P. Schlosser and family will soon remove from Cerro Gordo to Decatur.

A. H. Varney will remove from Maroa to Ramsey and conduct the hotel at that place.

C. C. Atchison will remove to a farm near Macon next week and give his attention to farming pursuits.

John Edmonds, editor of the Lincoln *Journal*, has announced that he will be a candidate for mayor of his city.

W. L. Dumont and E. Dunkel, of Emery, have engaged in the grain commission business.

Sheridan Tupper married a promising young actress in Philadelphia during the month of December. We have failed to learn her name.

J. Frank Holiday, of Morning Sun, Iowa, where he is a general merchant, paid us a call to day and renewed his subscription to the REPUBLICAN. He came here to attend the marriage of his sister and visit old friends.

Miss Callie Magill, of Clinton, was united in marriage to Mr. John Pentony, of Manchester, Ia., in the Congregational church at Dubuque, on Thursday. The wedding occasioned much surprise at Clinton, inasmuch as it was not anticipated by the friends or relatives of either party.

Pekin *Post*: Rev. A. P. Cobb addressed a large audience at the Christian church last night on the "Hope of Immortality." The interest in these meetings is constantly growing. The evangelist has the faculty of holding his hearers. To-night he has chosen for a subject "The Epicurian." Anyone who can arrange to go, should attend these meetings, and not only encourage the members of the Christian society, but give themselves the pleasure of listening to a powerful and earnest speaker.

MARRIED.

On February 17th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holiday, 1205 North Water street, by Rev. T. I. Coulter, of the Methodist church, MR. LYMAN T. CROSTHWAITE and MISS FANNIE HOLIDAY.

A splendid wedding supper followed the congratulations by the large company of friends, who presented the bride with a fine collection of useful and beautiful gifts. The groom is the assistant book-keeper at the office of the Consolidated Tank Line Company. The couple have commenced housekeeping at No. 704 West Eldorado street.

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The Weekly Republican.

ENTERED at the postoffice at Decatur, Illinois as second class mail matter.

A LOCAL Judge at Columbus, Ohio, on a habeas corpus writ in the case of County Clerk Dalton, of Cincinnati, who refuses to produce certain elouion returns before the Legislative committee that is investigating the frauds of the last October election, decides that he must produce the returns as requested or be committed to jail for contempt.

OVER $3,000,000 in gold has been exported during this month up to date. There is some comfort in knowing, however, that the Government, the banks and the people of the United States have $597,000,000 left. A sold panic, therefore, would not be a reasonable display of public emotion just at the present time.

GENERAL D. M. FROST, a relic of the rebel army, now residing at St. Louis, has made a statement to the effect that Southern troops were not sent in 1861 to occupy Missouri, because Jeff Davis and the higher Confederate authorities did not want that State. It is evident that the rebel leaders were not as great fools in some respects as they have been taken for.

CHICAGO *Journal:* A Boston mugwump paper, (the *Herald*) claims great credit for the mugwump and Democratic press of the country because they almost unanimously denounce the Pan-electric telephone transactions of the Attorney General, and the President for keeping such an Attorney General in his Cabinet. But this is a severe arraignment of the President and his Administration. If the press is to be praised for demanding that the Administration shall purge itself of scandal and corruption, what is to be said of the Administration that refuses to comply with the demand?

IN the New York city and town elections thus far held the present month, the Republicans have swept everything. For the first time in its serene and benighted existence Schoharie, a Mohawk valley village, gives a Republican majority. The towns in which the Democrats are discontented because Republican officials have not been turned out vie in giving the Republicans a boom with those in which Democrats are dissatisfied on account of the men who have been put into office. It will not be welcome intelligence, but there is a general request to "carry the news to Grover."

THE statement, from insurance sources, that one fourth of the fires in the United States during the past year were of incendiary origin, while somewhat startling, is suggestive of two points: First, the percentage of persons who are willing to risk the penitentiary for a few dollars must be greater than is generally supposed; and, secondly, as most of the incendiary cases were prompted by a desire to realize on an overinsurance, the practice of overinsuring property must be prevalent among the companies. While it is very wrong for property-owners to yield to the temptation to burn their houses for the sake of cheating the insurance companies, it is equally wrong for the insurance companies to put temptation in their way.

A LOAN of £5,000,000 has just been negotiated for the Congo River Free State, the first installment of what will probably prove a long series of loans to assist emigration, build a railway and improve the country. As the soil on the uplands is sand, intermingled with pebbles, the river bottom bowlders set in mud, and the climate as hot as an African sun can make it, the attractions for emigrants will, of course, be evident at a glance. Many emigrants from Europe have already gone to the Congo Valley, but as none are allowed to return and all are forbidden to make public the real state of affairs in the Congo Free State, the truth concerning that enterprise is not generally known. There seems not much reason to doubt that in some respects it is one of the most gigantic swindles of modern times, and that the purpose of its projectors has been far from honest from the start.

PILSBURY and Chase must go. Pilsbury was a Democratic leader and Chase was a member of the Governor's council in Maine in 1879. Garcelon, Democrat, had been elected Governor of Maine the year before, and was a successful candidate for re-election, although the Republicans elected a majority of seven members in the Senate and twenty-eight in the House. In order, however, to obtain possession of all branches of the State Government, Pillsbury planned, and Chase, controlling the Governor's Council in canvassing the returns, executed a scheme for throwing out enough returns to give the Democrats a majority in both houses. The State approached the verge of civil war, but the conspiracy was rendered abortive by a decision of the State Supreme Court. Pillsbury become so unpopular that he removed to Massachusetts, where he was appointed by President Cleveland Collector of Internal Revenue, Chase being appointed to the same office in Maine. The Senate will not confirm them.

A STORY is current in St. Louis emanating from a prominent New York Chinaman transiently in that city, that the Emperor of China has issued a proclamation recalling to their homes all Chinese subjects now in the United States, offering free transportation in some cases and half fare in others to those making application for the same. It is added that this order has been issued preparatory to the adoption by China of retaliatory measures against the United States for the laws discriminating against Chinamen and for the outrages to which Chinese subjects have been subjected by American citizens. The story is a fishy one, and nothing is known or has leaked out about it at New York and Washington. That the Chinese trade, now amounting to $80,000,000 a year, might be cut off, and Americans now engaged in trade in China might be made to suffer great losses by measures of reprisal on the part of China, is not, however, to be denied.

IF General Fitz John Porter had stood by his superior with one-half the tenacity he has shown in defending himself his name would have been written among the most honored of the Nation's patriotic soldiers. If Congress now removes his disabilities, it can never restore him to that list. He was idle when he should have been active. He was sullen and dumb and rebellious when he should have been wide awake, active, and eager to do his part. He listened hour after hour to the roar of battle, almost in hearing of the dying groans of patriot soldiers, and never lifted a hand or fired a gun. To the right and left of his brave 11,000 men, the very flower of the army, the woods and fields were strewn with the dead and dying, and yet he made no effort to rescue or aid them. Would Phil Sheridan, or Hancock, or Meade, or any other commander of the army of the Union have done that? General Porter made his bed, and there he will have to lie, thorny as it may be. Congressman Steele well said in summing up in his speech:

When the country's safety is in danger let us say to our sons and our sons' sons, when you receive an order obey it, though it costs you your life, and let us say to our sons and to our sons' sons "Even without an order, if you hear the call of battle, move on to the succor of companions, whether you like your commanding officer or not."

CONGRESSMAN ROWELL'S speech in the House on Feb. 16, in strongly opposing the Fitz John Porter bill, is published in the *Congressional Record*, a copy of which has reached us. In closing his speech the Captain said:

Out upon any such vindication, upon any such justification. This is not the tribunal of American judgment; this is not the tribunal which has it in its power to change any single letter of the record, that has it in its power to take away from the purest and best of the American people, its Army that wore the blue, the conviction that Fitz-John Porter deliberately, knowingly, and wilfully sacrificed General Pope when he might have saved a battle and won victory for the Union arms. I am satisfied with the verdict of the court martial and with the verdict of the great body of the Union Army, and shall express that satisfaction by the vote which I intend to cast upon the pending bill.

ARE YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

MAN ABOUT TOWN.

The main supports of the electric light towers are not made of Bessemer steel, but they are of wrought iron, just as good as steel.

Mr Hunter, of the Clokey plant, is assisting in the work of arranging the machinery at the water works for the Jenney company.

Geo R. Steele, of Dunham Post, was a candidate for department adjutant at the G. A. R. encampment, but he failed to get there, as the Chicago crowd was too much for the Egyptians in the election of the commander, who has the appointing power. J. L. Bennett will probably continue to serve as adjutant.

I am told by C. M. Imboden, J. M. Blythe, Dick Roberts and others, that Capt. Geo. S. Duffee while at the G A L meeting at Springfield, last week, attended the Harrison revival and became so deeply impressed with the eloquence of the "boy preacher" that he went forward to the altar. He didn't stay long. George's presence at the altar is the talk of the town, but he takes all the chaffing good-naturedly. He did nothing to be ashamed of.

In offices, stores and on the streets there is more or less talk about the election for county officers next fall, but while there are two or three available candidates for each place to be filled, of course only one can be named by the opposing conventions. Some of those now in the field display an ugly spirit when the name of a possible rival is mentioned. They think, perhaps, that they or those whom they may select must be accepted, or defeat will be sure to follow. Chaps of this stamp may be found in nearly every party. But while these so-called bosses may think they own the country, they should remember that however quietly they may plan and scheme for selfish ends, their purposes are very transparent and will act as a staggering boomerang, perhaps before the days of the convention. One party has as much right as another to join in the race for office, if he wants it, and there should be no boycotting of any description

The weather bulletins for the last few days have been "way off" So much so, that even the boys guy the author of the predictions. Probably they were intended for some other locality. The rising temperature promised for Saturday evening was converted into a small blizzard and a full measure of mid-winter chilliness.

THE RAMBLER'S NOTES.

—They are getting a good ready to put up that new two-story brick on the corner of William and Main streets for Dr. W. J. Chenoweth. It will be a solid structure. Part of the brick is on the lot.

—A large proportion of Decatur's colored population has been very busy this week attending court. There is something about a judge and jury that the average negro citizen cannot resist. After each adjournment they assemble in knots and give an interchange of views as to the probable outcome of the pending trials, and of course the "great minds" will differ.

—An authority in answer to an inquiry states that the standard silver dollars are a legal tender for any amount There is no limit. The other silver coins are a legal tender for any amount not exceeding $10, while nickels and pennies are legal tenders only to the amount of 25 cents.

—There has been very little heard of late as to the proposed settlement of the old square paving question. The council accepted the compromise proposed by a majority of the property owners to fork over $4 per front foot, instead of $6 as assessed by the commissioners, and the city attorney was directed to make the settlement on that basis. At the regular meeting of the council on March 1st perhaps there will be another move in the matter.

—The Pennypacker case when it comes up for trial will cause a great influx of Macon people to Decatur. Pennypacker was a butcher at Macon and got into jail because some of the people of the town accused him of having sold them as fresh meat the flesh of diseased animals During the cattle stealing trial Pennypacker's imprisonment has been brightened by frequent visits to the court house to testify as to statements made by the accused while in jail.

—Aid. Muzzy appears to have the bulge in the preliminary trot for the office of justice of the peace, to fill the vacancy about to be made by the resignation of Justice McGorray. A year ago Mr Muzzy made a close race for the place. He would make an ideal justice, possessing a good knowledge of the law, and all the dignity necessary to adorn the office.

—The expiration of the patent for the manufacture of wood-pulp paper, which took effect the middle of last January, has played hob with the junk shop business, as it relates to the purchase and sale of old rags. Every paper company that can buy a machine will now manufacture by the wood-pulp process, and there is no sale for rags Heretofore the junk-shop men paid 1¼ cents a pound for rags, and received 1¾ to 2 cents a pound for them. Now they cannot pay more than half a cent a pound, and there is no money to be made at those figures.

—The court house and public library bosses ought to have that piece of matting removed from the first landing of the main entrance stairway. It is nice enough in its way to kill sound, but sooner or later it will be the cause of somebody breaking his or her neck coming down the steps, Several elderly people of late have tripped on the matting and came near falling headlong to the bottom, and would have done so, with probable fatal effect, but for the hand-railing on the side. Young people who go down rapidly are in daily danger of having their feet caught in the shreds of the matting and go thumping down the steps. Let the matting be removed.

SENATOR FRYE, of Maine, proposes to give vitality to the scheme devised by Hon. James G. Blaine several years ago, to bring together all the nations of this hemisphere into closer political and commercial relations. He has prepared a bill for this purpose, to be shortly introduced in the Senate, inviting delegates from all the American nations to meet in Washington next Fall as guests of the United States.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla is the best medicine for everyone in the spring. Emigrants and travelers will find it an effectual cure for eruptions, boils, pimples, eczema, etc., that breaks out on the skin the effect of disorder in the blood, caused by sea diet and life on board ship.

HERE IS SOMETHING FOR THE FARMERS.

Our scribe was this morning looking for something interesting for our Farmer readers, and in going along, happened to look in at the Warehouse of V. H. Parke, where he saw all confusion. Asking what was the matter, Mr. Parke informed us that he was again going to enter the Farm Machinery trade.

"I thought you had quit," said the Scribe.

"I thought so, too, but I could not rent the stand, and had to open the house again myself."

"How much room are you going to devote to the business?"

"About 30,000 surface feet; more than all the other houses in Decatur put together, and you can depend upon its being filled."

"Are you going to carry full lines?'

"Yes; of all the latest Improved Farm Machinery—light and heavy, from the largest road engines to the smallest plow used in Central Illinois. My lines will consist of the Genuine New Departure Cultivator, Moline Plow Co's full line, including the famous Flying Dutchman Sulky Plow; John T Walton and Bloomington Model Old Ground Plows, besides Kingman & Co.'s full line of implements. Then I will carry the largest and best assorted line of Carriages, Phaetons, Buggies, Spring Wagons and Farm Wagons ever shown in the city, with the most complete Seed Store in Central Ills. All kinds of field seeds, such as Clover, all varieties, Timothy, Kentucky Blue Grass, Red Top, Orchard Grass, Hungarian, German and common Millet, &c, &c. And will also have a full stock of all the most reliable kinds of Garden Seeds, in bulk, not old papered seeds, but fresh, clean pan seeds that will grow—and cheaper than you can get the inferior seeds for."

"Now, about your prices," said the Scribe.

"Well, I pay no interest, rent or cartage; can buy as cheap as any one can, and claim that I can sell cheaper than a house that has to pay high rent, interest and cartage (on all the goods that come into the house)"

"But I only ask the Farmers to come around in about 10 or 20 days and price the goods, and then judge for themselves."

This is what V. H. PARKE said, and you will find him at his old stand.

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LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Decatur, Macon county, Ill., for week ending Feb 24, 1886

Bishop Conde	Livingston Catharin
Bell Miss Birdy	Litchenberger
Bear C H	Linbough Miss Clara
Baily John T	Loy I A
Babcock Miss Jessie	Lyons Miss Nannie
Bertan Julius	Lloyd E D
Bills Miss Mary E	Lain Mrs W H
Baldwin Mrs Mattie	Morson Charles
Bennett K	Myers Emily
Buoning Nev	Melville George
Beckett Willie	Marks Joe
Brewer Miss Sarah	Metzger
Burgoyne Bill	Mathews F J
Chittendan A H	Miller Louis L
Chamberlain Mrs E B	Miller Mrs Laura
Coble Herman	Maier H H
Chapman John A	Martin Wm
Carson James	Nollie Miss Emma
Cook Miss Linda	Neyhard J J
Caldwell Theo K	Nelson I W
Clark Wm	Nave J H & Lewis
Clark Willie	Park J E
Diehl Daniel W	Parker Mrs John
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A MAN was placed in the county poor house at Scottsborough, Ala, who has one son an eminent Presbyterian divine and president of a college, and another a doctor of dentistry in Texas.

THE cable announces that "Russia is preparing for the worst." In being in a state of constant preparation for the worst Russia is even ahead of the man who takes home a box of fried oysters at 2 o'clock in the morning. In each case the anticipated evil is generally exaggerated.

IN noticing the fact that the decollette dress grows more so every day, the Omaha *Republican* hints that a few more eras of Democratic simplicity would bring us back to the primitive customs of Adam and Eve.

THE bill reducing the fee on money orders under $5 from 8 to 5 cents, which has passed the House, will no doubt pass the Senate and become a law.

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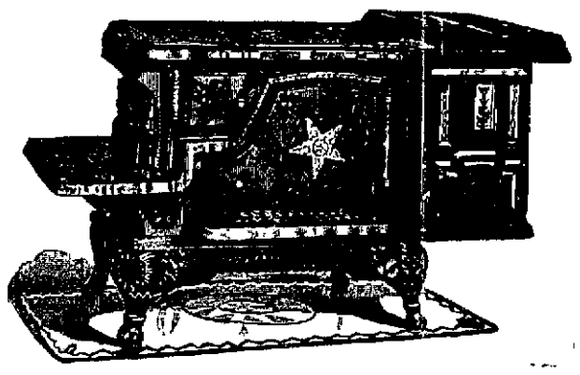

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Annie Gaskins, the Infanticide, Declared Insane.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—Annie Gaskins was on trial yesterday for the murder of her babe by cutting its throat with a case knife on December 27 last. Mrs. Gaskins at that time claimed that the child's death was caused by the bite of a cat. To-day a number of witnesses testified at the trial to the fact that Mrs. Gaskins would at times be of a melancholy disposition, and would lie in bed two days at a time claiming that her head was too bad to get up. Five physicians testified that they believed she was acting under an uncontrollable impulse when she committed the deed. The case was submitted to the jury without argument, and a verdict of not guilty on the ground of insanity was rendered, and an order was made sentencing the prisoner to the Insane Asylum at Northstown.

MORE DEADLY THAN WHISKY.

A Doctor Drinks Carbolic Acid for Whisky, and Expires.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 23.—At six o'clock last evening Dr. J. H. Gleason, a well-known allopathic physician, entered Gerling & Huber's drug store, 283 St. Clair street, to get his evening drink of whisky. Two graduators sat on the prescription case, one containing an ounce of carbolic acid and the other whisky. Dr. Gleason drank the acid, and a moment later Louis Huber shouted:

"Ran for a doctor; I've killed Dr. Gleason."

"Keep cool," said Dr. Gleason, who at once began taking antidotes.

The doctor suffered no pain. Ten minutes after taking the poison, he fell limp to the floor, and with a groan and an awful struggle, expired. His dead body was borne to his residence, 87 Bond street, from which he had been absent only an hour.

The Broadway Surface Track Franchise

NEW YORK, Feb 23.—Mr. Conkling was not present to-day when Senator Low's committee resumed its investigation of the Broadway railway scandal. There was an unusually big crowd to hear to-day's developments. Aldermen Jaehne, Delacey, Finck, Duffy, Waite and O'Neill, all of whom voted for the franchise, sat prominently at the head of the room.

Billy Maloney, who was the first witness called, was not present. Mr. Newcombe said Mr. Maloney might present himself to the committee in a few days. It is the general impression that he will stay away just as long as he thinks it is to his interest to do so.

Mr. Seward next called George H. Prentiss, of Prentiss & Co., who testified that his firm acted as agent for the sale of second mortgage bonds of the Broadway & Seventh Avenue railroad. He did not recollect who it was first asked him to sell bonds, but he thought Mr. Sharp and Mr. Foshay spoke to him on the subject.

At the conclusion of Mr. Prentiss' testimony, Mr. Foshay, president of the Seventh Avenue railroad, was called to the stand and examined at some length as to the disbursements made by his road for the privilege of running over the Broadway Surface railroad tracks.

A DRUNKEN MAN'S LUCK.

He Blows Up a Building and Kills or Injures Everyone But Himself.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 23.—Yesterday afternoon at Winchester, Ky., about eighteen miles east of this city on the Chesapeake & Ohio road, an explosion of gunpowder took place with disastrous effects. The explosion occurred at Mary Wells' place, a grocery and restaurant combined. While the clerk, Will Murray, was weighing out some powder a drunken man threw a lighted match into the scoop, and the powder igniting, blew out the front and side of the house. About twenty persons were in the building, all of whom were injured, four of them fatally. James Newkirk, James Hopper, Will Murray and Bud White will die. Nine others were very badly injured. The drunken man escaped injury. The fire which followed was soon extinguished.

A False Report Contradicted.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A report has reached here that a pool had been entered into by the different dealers and manufacturers in lime, hair, stucco and cement at Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Louisville and other large cities in the East and West, with a view to elevating the price of these materials when the coming building season opens, and a reporter yesterday visited several firms interested to learn what truth, if any, there was in the report. The opinion generally expressed was that there was no foundation for it, as the interests were too large and scattered to make anything of the kind practicable. There were too many small lime manufacturing concerns throughout the country to enable the trade to form a pool.

Burning of the Armory Skating Rink at Buffalo, New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Fire early this morning in the Armory Skating rink completely destroyed that building, and an adjoining residence was wrecked by the falling wall. When the fire was discovered three alarms were sent out in rapid succession but the flames had acquired such headway that all hope of saving the building was given up and the efforts of the fire department were directed to saving adjoining buildings. The new armory, adjoining, was in danger several times, but steady streams of water prevented the fire from gaining any foot-hold. Five firemen who were stationed in an alley engaged in wetting down an adjoining house to prevent its becoming ignited from the heat, were buried in the ruins of the brick wall of the Armory, which fell upon them. They were rapidly dug out by their comrades, while protecting streams of water played on them. None were more seriously hurt than a fracture of the left leg sustained by Anthony Cook, of engine No. 13, and several cuts on the face by others.

By two o'clock the fire had died out, consuming everything within the four walls of the rink. Loss to the Armory, $28,000; loss to adjoining residence, $1,500.

A NEW JERSEY rink, to save itself from immediate bankruptcy, advertises prize fights between the skating acts.

GREENGAGE is called after the Gage family who first took it into England from a monastery in Paris.

APRICOTS are indigenous to the plains of Armenia.

A LAD thirteen years of age has been sentenced to the penitentiary in Nebraska for one year for stealing horses.

IT is said that the name Dakota is an abbreviation of the Indian word "Pa-ha oota," meaning "many heads" or "plenty."

THE Greek people called butter boutouros, "cow cheese."

BUCKLES of brass of the modern form are found buried in the prehistoric mounds of England.

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THE Fitz John Porter bill passed the House of Representatives on Thursday by a vote of 171 to 113. Fifteen Republicans voted for the bill and one Democrat voted against it.

THERE will be a general agreement to the suggestion which emanated from the Republican Senatorial caucus in Washington to the effect that the United States Senate has rights which the President and the members of his Cabinet are bound to respect.

REAL ESTATE in Kansas City is valuable. The best corner in that place is held at over $1500 a front foot. This sum was offered for it and refused. A party of Chicago capitalists propose to buy it if possible and erect a ten-story building upon it at a cost of $300,000.

THE spring immigration to Kansas has already commenced and it is believed that fully 100,000 people will take up their abode in that state during the coming season. In the last ten years the average annual immigration to Kansas has been 70,000.

THERE is war already in Gladstone's camp. He is going to tell Greece that it must not make war on Turkey. And now comes Chamberlain and says that if Gladstone orders Greece not to make war on Turkey he will make war on Gladstone. It is not easy to see whether there is a way out of this difficulty.

THE Chicago *Journal* is very level-headed when it says: "The New York correspondents of Western newspapers seem to think that the only subjects they can write about that the people care to read of are actors, actresses, theatres and disreputable persons and events. The fact is, readers of newspapers have become thoroughly disgusted with the surfeit of this sort of trash."

IT is said that Attorney General Garland has determined what disposition he will make of his telephone stock to satisfy public opinion, but that he will not carry it into effect until the censure of his course is quieted. The best thing for Mr. Garland to do is to disregard public censure and quietly take his stock out into the back yard and burn it up.

AN old friend called on President Cleveland the other day and remonstrated against the latter retaining Attorney General Garland in his Cabinet. He was informed, at the close of the conference, that when the President wanted information as to how to run his own business he would call on the old friend. There is no apparent diminution in the size of Mr. Cleveland's neck.

A COLUMBUS gambler was one of the parties examined before the Payne investigating committee. He testified that while legislators in the early part of the session were fond of a 10-cent ante and 50-cent limit, about the time that Payne was elected they were flush on $100, $500 and $1,000 bills. This money, by the way, he distinctly asserted, was not won off the gambling fraternity. The conclusion is irresistible that the legislators must have sold their hogs or found a purse.

THE Fitz John Porter case long ago ceased to be considered upon Porter's merit as a soldier, and is to-day solely political and partisan. No man who reads the facts can believe Porter intended to give cordial support to Pope, or that he did give such support as he would have given to General McClellan had he been in General Pope's place. The recent testimony of General Longstreet amounts to nothing. If he stood still with his 27,000 men and knew Porter was immediately in front with but 11,000, and would have "annihilated him" if he had attacked - why did *not* he, Longstreet take the initiative? Every one concedes that Porter was a capable and courageous officer. But when that is conceded his conduct at the second battle of Bull Run shows in worse light than before.

THE Washington correspondent of the Indianapolis *Journal* has been interviewing one of the Pacific Slope Senators, and arrives at the conclusion that the trouble raging over the Chinese has not reached anything like the height it will obtain. The Senator says: "I apprehend a general revolt yet. People here in the East have no idea of the feeling existing there against the Chinese. A few years ago the Pacific slope was the richest field to be found for the mechanic and laboring man, and they flocked there for fortune. Now it is the poorest place in the country for them. They claim—and I believe rightly, too—that the Chinese have ruined the business of the country. Oh, there is a deadly prejudice against the Chinese, and I wish every one of them were sent back home. I would send them by force of law out of the country if I could." The Senator says the Chinese have no sympathizers, that they are not and never intend to become American citizens; they are contracted for as slaves, work as slaves, and for slaves' wages, and that the tendency is to bring white American laborers down to a level with them. He believes the abrogation of our treaty with China would be a good thing; that our commercial relations with the Celestial Empire amount to little, and that if the treaty was abolished the damage would not amount to one-fourth as much as the paupers of that country are inflicting on us.

THE Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, mugwump and Democratic apologist, is beginning to lose some of its illusions. It very mildly commends the President, but says the Democrats in the House "are making fools of themselves as intensely as possible," and that "if they don't turn over a new leaf they are preparing for themselves a tremendous surprise." It even goes to the extent of calling them "nincompoops," which is a pretty strong "cuss" word for a mugwump to use and indicates that it is very indignant. While losing some of its illusions, it still clings to the silliest of them all, that the President is a "biger man" than his party.

AT the G. A. R. department encampment this week the report of the state adjutant that during the past year sixty posts were mustered; four reinstated; eleven surrendered their charters; twelve were dropped for delinquency in reports and dues. There are 454 posts in good standing, with 22,566 members; 164 died; 142 were honorably discharged, 738 transferred; 4,058 suspended, and four dishonorably discharged. The sum of $4,994 48 was expended in charity. George H. Thomas, Post No. 5 of Chicago, shows the greatest gains. There were 10,457 signers to petitions to the legislature for the establishment of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. The financial report shows $8,257.79 received and $6,017.63 expended during the year, leaving a balance of $2,240.10.

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Death of Mrs. E. J. Kimber.

The death of Mrs. E J. Kimber occurred at 11 o'clock this (Saturday) forenoon, at the residence of her son, G. A. Kimber, No. 237 East Washington street, in the 73d year of her age. The deceased had been failing since last August, suffering chiefly from a bronchial affection. She was the wife of Rev. I. C. Kimber, a Methodist minister, who preceded his wife over the river. Her surviving children are G. A Kimber, of Decatur; W. F. Kimber, of Springfield, and Mrs. Wm. Bell, who resides near Quincy.

The funeral will take place at Springfield on Monday afternoon, and Rev J. P. Dimmitt, an old friend of the family, will preach the sermon. The remains will be taken to Springfield on the seven o'clock train Monday morning.

A Peeping Tom.

There is an old scalawag going about the residence portions of the city who should be chained up or driven out of town. He is an old whining sort of a chap wearing dirty clothes and sometimes carries a pruning knife in hand. He dodges in and out of gates and trots around the dwellings, trying back and front doors and frequently peering into rooms through windows. When confronted by the housewives he makes a pitiful appeal for money and food He is known to have boldly entered several houses and frightened women and children. The attention of the police is called to the old nuisance. Chain him up or there will be scalding bees that will make trouble. It is the business of the officers to take him in charge.

An Important Discovery.

The most important discovery is that which brings the most good to the greatest number. Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, will preserve the health and save life, and is a priceless boon to the afflicted. Not only does it positively cure Consumption, but Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hoarseness, and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, yield at once to its wonderful curative powers. If you doubt this, get a trial bottle free at Swearingen & Hubbard's drug store. a5

The Jury Kicks.

One of the jurymen in the Effie Bainter case desires the REPUBLICAN to state that he considers the allusion in the *Herald* this morning to certain members of the said jury to be a "dirty, blackmailing lie," conceived by a certain meddlesome citizen of the second ward. So far as said jurymman knows, none of the members had ever, previous to the trial, expressed an opinion as to the guilt of the young woman.

THOSE who believe that nature will work off a cough or cold should understand that this is done at the expense of the constitution. Each time this weakens the system, and we all know that the termination of this dangerous practice is a consumptive's grave. Don't take the chances, when a fifty-cent bottle of Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure will safely and promptly cure any recent cough, cold or throat or lung trouble. Buy the dollar bottle of Dr. A. J. Stoner for chronic cases or family use. 3

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The Selling-Out Dodge Played Out.

In the first place everybody is posted on the "situation" of our competitor who was going to sell out so "soon." The people of Macon county have too much common sense to believe any more advertising dodges. "No! No!" (we guess the reason) "they can't go yet." Hardly anybody wants to buy *old goods*. We don't claim to have such an *enormous* stock on hand that we must "sell out" *at cost*. But we have here a new and fresh stock of boots and shoes in all styles and sizes, and we defy our competitors to meet our prices. We don't *advertise* "bosh," but when we say we have the cleanest and best stock of fine shoes in the city, your friends will tell you we mean business. Besides we have added numerous new lines of gents' and ladies' fine shoes. Remember we are the leading and popular shoe house of the city

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LATEST NOVELTIES in Swiss, Cambric and Nainsook EMBROIDERIES, with "all-overs" to match. Also a beautiful line of Colored Edgings, with cloth and all-overs to match—together with an elegant assortment of Torchon Laces, New Swiss Embroideries, Oriental Laces—as well as a large assortment of White Goods, just received. LINN & SCRUGGS.

LADIES' $2 00 Kid Shoes. J. H. Black & Son. feb11-d&wtf

"PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is one of the most bashful men I ever saw in the presence of ladies," said a handsome Southern widow visiting in Washington to a correspondent of the Indianapolis *Journal*. "The other day I called upon him with a lady friend. Our visit was partially on business and partially to be sociable. When the President received us he was very graceful and composed, but the moment he discovered that we intended to delay and talk—oh, but how he blushed! and how confused he became! I was sorry for him and we soon got away. At first the President didn't ask us to sit down," continued the lady," and we began to get red behind the ears; but finally he recovered, and he was as courteous as a Frenchman. Any one could have seen, though, that the President was all the time wishing we would leave. He doesn't seem to know what to say to the ladies. Oh, but what a lover he would make!"

BETWEEN wars abroad and trouble with Irish Leaguers and bloodthirsty socialists at home the British lion has no where to lay his tail.

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Extraordinary Bargains THIS WEEK.

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56 pieces Decorated Ware, three assorted designs. Our price has been $9.68. We have concluded to close out this line at $7.50, which we consider a big bargain.
10 pieces Printed Chamber Set, in Blue coloring, reduced to $3 68.
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Plain Goblets, 6c; 5 for 25c.
Tumblers, 4c; 3 for 10c.
Lamp Chimneys, 5c.
Razor Steel Shears, no better made, from 30c up.
6 Plated Teaspoons, 35c.
Knives and Forks, 75c, 85c, 90c and $1.25 per set.
Entire Stock of Zephyrs reduced to 5c per lap.
100 Men's Wool Hats at 50c.
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Sheet Music, 2 for 5c.
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Willow Clothes Baskets, 65c.
Clothes Racks, 90c.
Tubs from 38c up.
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It is generally known to the public that I am and have been for 20 years earnestly devoting myself to SURGERY and CHRONIC DISEASES.

I cure Rupture of all kinds by a process entirely new and simple, which does away forever with trusses.

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We have been adding many of the Latest Designs in BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S

OVERCOATS AND SUITS,

And to-day this large stock comprises everything in Material, Trimmings, Cut, Style and Finish that makes it the Largest and Most Complete CHILDREN'S STOCK in the city.

A look will show what Art, Taste and Skill can accomplish. Remember,

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For every One Dollar's cash purchase in our house this year and to January 12, 1887, we will give a ticket for the following gifts:

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"	One best Black Cashmere Dress, 10 yards,	10.00
"	One French Table Cloth and Napkins to match,	10.00
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"	One best colored Cashmere Dress, 10 yards,	7.50
"	One Lace Bed Set,	5.00
"	One Silk Umbrella,	5.00
3 gifts—	Three best Electric Gossamers, $2.50 each,	7.50
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You have known me in the Nursery and Stable business for over a quarter of a century. Come and see if I can serve you in the Hotel.

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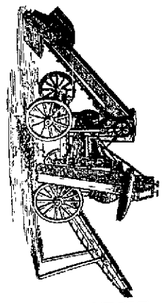

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CARE OF STOCK.

How Horses and Cattle Should Be Sheltered and Protected.

At first blush it would seem to be a gratuitous thing to advise a farmer about the care of his animals for any season. And undoubtedly he has his ideas and methods well worked out. But, on the other hand, there are many suggestions and bits of experience of other people that it could do him no harm to consider. In the care of the horse, for instance, many owners think it enough to give the animal as much food and water as he will eat three times a day, the food being hay and oats, perhaps, with one or two buckets of water. But how many know that the horse's stomach is comparatively small, and that water taken after a meal washes much of it into the colon, or head of the intestines, which is here very large, having a capacity, for about four gallons of fluid, and in the colon much of the food is wasted. It is much better to allow a horse to drink what he needs half way between meals or just before them. Again, the horse is one of the most intelligent of all animals, and as such is exceedingly sensitive in temperament and organization. Who has not seen the trembling terror of a horse at the loud and angry tones as well as at the cruel lash of the driver who tries to beat the poor animal into drawing some load that is really far too heavy for him? And who has not known of some horse for which a whisper from his master was enough to make him put forth his greatest strength? Think of the many ways the horse has of showing his delight at cleanliness and at good food. Is there any horse that won't let his head droop in sleepy comfort while his throat is being rubbed. A horse that has a good soft night stall, or straw often on its day stall, will often contain itself till the straw has been supplied. Horses like companionship, also, and it is a good thing to let them loose when possible, so that they can frisk about and commune with one another. Strong friendship exists between many horses.

When snow and ice are on the ground care should be used about a horse's eyes as well as about his shoes. He should not be taken directly from a dark stall or stable into the dazzling snow-light, but should first be led to a window and kept there a few minutes. This might be done while he is being harnessed and rubbed down. The bit, too, should be warmed somewhat before putting the cold iron to the tender tongue. It could be rubbed hard with the hand, or better yet, could be kept near a warm stall or chimney, if there were one. In short, it would pay every owner of horses to study the enjoyment and comfort of the animals as if they were human beings.

In regard to farmyard animals, cattle, especially, are fully appreciative of a careful regard for their comfort. A cow enjoys a carding and currying as a healthy man does a good bath, yet many people never card their cows. I remember a cow that used especially to like to be rubbed all about the roots of the horns.

Owing to the four stomachs of cattle and their complicated digestive functiont, they can be allowed much more water when eating than horses can. Water is a great preventive of fever and of disease. It acts just the same inside the body as it does outside. It keeps clean, excites healthy action and carries away worn-out tissue. Never stint an animal on its daily allowance of water, and in order that animals may have as much as they need don't give them ice-cold water; let it be cool, but not so cold as to chill. In the winter time animals greatly miss green food. This should be made up to them as much as possible. Roots and fruits are excellent for cows, but generally expensive. Still, there are many small potatoes and poor apples which will not do for the house that are just the thing for cattle. Dr. Bowen, of Woodstock, Conn., in a lecture which is published in "Agriculture of Massachusetts," 1881, says that cabbages are a good article of food for cows, and that if fed at the proper time, which is just after milking, they can not be detected either in odor or in taste in the milk. The effect of a dainty bit of food on a cow from time to time is as much to be regarded by farmers as their own little pleasure-seeking times.

Attention should be paid to the proper ventilation of the cow stable, and to the cleanliness of it. Rank manure smells are very injurious to animals, and have their effect on the milk. If the cow stable can have windows opening toward the south, the sunlight will be seen to be of immense benefit to the stock and to the general sweetness of the stable.

For stock that are turned out to pasture on large farms, there should always be provided sheds. It is astonishing how warm a rough board shed full of cracks, and open on three sides, will be when several cattle are in it. And it is worth far more than the cost of construction. For it is well known that the warmth required by stock is much more cheaply provided by shelter than by extra food. One or the other means must be used, and a slight yet sufficient shelter is cheaper than giving the animal the extra third of food that is necessary.—*Boston Post.*

Too Much Study.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale turned a neat point in a very neat manner the other day at a meeting of the Schoolmasters' Club in Boston. He reported a teacher as saying to him just before the meeting: "When I leave the schoolroom I leave the schoolroom. I don't permit myself to do anything which pertains to the school at home." This was a very wise thing for the schoolmaster to do, and a very creditable thing for him to say. The preacher simply retorted: "All I ask is, don't lay on the girls and boys burdens that you yourself do not bear." If the regular school hours are all that the teacher, who is old and tough, ought to work upon school matters, are they not amply sufficient for the children, who, thank God, are not yet old and tough?"—*New Haven Palladium.*

—At Harlem, N. Y., a walker beat a skater in three nights' contest at a roller rink.

BEAUTIFUL CLOCKS.

A New Orleans Judge Tells the Time by the Blooming of Flowers.

The Judge's house was over in the French quarter of New Orleans, unattractive outside, but as soon as you got into the broad hall a cool breeze struck you, laden, without exaggeration, with the balm of a thousand flowers. The hall led right through the house and opened into a regular fairy-land of flowers, a garden the like of which I had never dreamed of. It was surrounded by a high wall and had plants in it from every country under the sun. The white haired old gentleman and a group of grandchildren hanging about him took us about, and the first thing we stopped at was a large oval plot set out with small plants around the edge. "This," said the Judge, "is my clock. What time is it, Clara?" he asked of one of the children. The girl ran around the plot and said it was four o'clock, and so it was. The four o'clock was in bloom. "In fact," said the story teller, "the clock was made up of flowers." In the center was a pair of hands, of wood, covered with some beautiful vine, but they had nothing, however, to do with the time telling.

The plan was this: The Judge had noticed that at almost every hour in the day some plant bloomed, and working on this principle, he had selected plants of different hours and placed them in a circle, twenty-four in number, one for every hour. For example, at the top of the earthen clock, at twelve o'clock, was planted the portulacca, and he told me it would bloom at 11:50 and rarely miss. At the hours of one, two and three he had different varieties of this same plant, all of which bloomed at the hour opposite to which it was planted. At four o'clock he had our common plant of that name, and you all know how you can depend on that. At five the garden nicotago came out, at six the geranium triste and at seven the evening primrose. Opposite eight o'clock he had the bona nox, and at nine the silent noctiflora—all these blooming at or near the time given. At ten o'clock, if I remember rightly, he had a cactus, at eleven another kind, and at twelve the night blooming cereus.

Half of the year some of the plants don't bloom at all. The plants opposite one and two in the morning were cacti that bloomed about that time, and at three was planted the common salsify, and at four the chicory, at five the sow thistle and at six the dandelion. —*San Francisco Call.*

TUBS OF RUBIES.

The Magnificent Gem Which Was Stolen by a Burmese Maid of Honor.

Concerning King Theebaw's rubies, a well-informed correspondent writes: "It is certainly curious that we have heard nothing of the Mandalay Palace gems. The value of the objects discovered there we have been told is not great. Yet the capital has been undisturbed by war for over thirty years, if we omit the rebellion of 1866, when there was no plundering. During all that time the previous stores of the Ruby Mines and of the Noble Serpentine has been steadily added to. Many is the poor wretch who has been crucified for chipping down a gem that, from its size, ought to have been handed over to the Arbiter of Existence. Gentlemen who, in the time of Thebaw's father, the Convener of the Fifth Great Synod, were much about the palace, have spoken of silver bowls the size of washing-tubs filled to the lip with uncut rubies; and at least one spoke enthusiastically of the occasion on which he was allowed to thrust his bare arms nearly up to the shoulder in a huge chalice full of these gems. There was in particular one great stone, called the Nan-zin Buddamya, which, by its magnificence, was supposed to typify the dynasty. It was unmounted, and, therefore, can not be the gem in his ring concerning which the dethroned King was so plaintive, and it was guarded with the most sedulous care. Nevertheless, in 1880 a maid of honor managed to purloin it, and actually succeeded in getting it out of the palace concealed on her person in a very extraordinary way. She was, however, captured before she got rid of the stone. It was restored to its place and more jealously guarded than ever; and the hapless damsel was put to death with the fiendish ingenuities in which Soo-payah-lat, the Queen, was a past-master." One of the newspaper dispatches tells us (continues the same correspondent) that the palace had been very much looted by the royal body-guard. No doubt these gentry made for the store of rubies first of all. There was not much else that was really valuable, except the royal utensils, the gold spittoon and betel-box, the model of the Hentha, the carrying-bird of Vishnu, the jeweled cups and trays and whatnot, besides the hundreds of silver bowls kept for domestic uses and for presents to visitors.—*St. James' Gazette.*

—Snow varies greatly in weight, according to the condition of the atmosphere. When very dry and "feathery," scarcely anything is lighter than a handful of snow. On an average it is found that a cubic yard weighs about one hundred and eighty-seven pounds, or about one-twelfth of the weight of an equal bulk of water. Ice is lighter than water, but in nothing like the same proportion; and a certain quantity of snow would, on the average, weigh only about one-eleventh of the same volume of ice. The reason of course lies in the greater compactness of the ice.—*Boston Budget*

—Haskins—"I don't think much of Dr. Ague's school of medicine. He don't seem to have any luck in curing people." Robb—"No, and that's not the worst of it. I heard him admit to Dr. Henderson that he couldn't cure a ham."—*Toledo Blade.*

—Uncle Mose—Lemme 'splain hit ter yer. D's heah bucket am de sun, and my head am de yarf. De bucket, when hit goes round and round, sheds light on de inhabitants of my head. Does yer onderstan'?—*N. Y. Mail.*

Broke Out in a New Place.

We learn that that old chestnut, Tunis Titus Kendrick, is again making trouble at Marion, the county seat of Williamson county, this state. It is represented that he is masquerading there as an evangelist of the Southern Methodist church, and is metaphorically turning the town upside down, gulling the people with his flights of stolen eloquence and parading as a martyr to the accusations of the consistent christian people of the community. That Kendrick is a gigantic fraud as a preacher has been fully set forth by the papers of eastern cities where he has been on sprees without number and also in jail. He left Decatur under a cloud, leaving creditors who were his friends in time of need to mourn his sudden departure. He owes a $60 board bill here, and also left a citizen in the lurch to pay a heavy bill of costs in court, growing out of action for debt against the man of unlimited cheek. The pastor of the Methodist church at Marion, Rev. H. A. Doty, should write to Dr. Goodwin, at Jacksonville, for full particulars about Kendrick, and not let up until Tunis' record is fully exposed. Not many months ago Kendrick was illustrated in the Police *News.*

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, *149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.* [Oct 22 weowly

IN Paris it costs $3 to cremate a body, and this includes coal and labor, with an urn thrown in.

MORE than 10,000 persons have registered at the Pratt Free Library in Baltimore within a fortnight.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well. Electric Bitters are sold at 50 cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25c per box at Swearingen & Hubbard's. a5

A NEW overshoe made of strong, light water-proof canvas has been put on the maket to take the place of rubbers.

GETTING married is sometimes a hearty operation.

THE best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonder healer. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 1.

THE colored employes of a Georgia railroad struck last week because of the appointment of one of their own race as foreman.

The Prettiest Lady in Decatur

Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when others had no effect whatever. So to prove this Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, No. 14 south side new square, will guarantee it to all. Price 50 cents and $1. *Trial size free.* b2

Buy a Remington Typewriter.

The Decatur agent for the sale of the STANDARD Remington Typewriter can be found any time at the REPUBLICAN office. The Remington is the perfect machine, solidly built, alignments always perfect, any style of type you want. Call at REPUBLICAN office for descriptive circulars. John Young, Decatur agent. d14-d&wtf

ALL WOOL Red Flannel Undershirts 50 a piece, at B. Stine's 21-d&wtf

Barber & Baker,

The old reliable Shoe dealers, are not closing out to quit business, neither are they going to leave Decatur. But they will sell Boots, Shoes and Rubbers of all kinds low as the lowest. They have the finest line of Men's Christmas Slippers ever brought to Decatur; Women's Toe Slippers, 50c, and the best line of Felt Shoes and Slippers in the market. Call and see them and be convinced. 16-dtf

New Carpets.

NEW CARPETS, of the very latest productions in Brussels, Velvets and Ingrains, just received at
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FROM WASHINGTON.

The Judiciary Committee Authorized to Send for Persons and Papers.

The Confirmation of McGraw Refused Because Secretary Manning Refused to Furnish Desired Information.

An Aerolite—Something for the Meteorological Convention to Consider—Congressional.

Will Send for Persons and Papers—Confirmation Refused.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the executive session of the Senate yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edmunds reported a resolution from the committee on the judiciary, authorizing that committee to send for persons and papers in the case of John Goode, Jr., of Virginia, Solicitor-General. Mr. Edmunds said that charges of a very serious character had been preferred against Mr. Goode, relating to the election in the Old Dominion, and that before the committee could report upon the nomination it would be necessary to send for persons and papers at Norfolk and elsewhere, and conduct an inquiry. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on finance reported against the confirmation of McGraw, a collector of internal revenue for West Virginia, and that report was also adopted. The cause of the rejection of McGraw was the refusal of Secretary Manning to furnish papers relating to the suspension of McGraw's predecessor.

Something for the Meteorological Convention to Consider.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A meteorite fell upon a farm two miles west of this city yesterday afternoon about four o'clock. People in the neighborhood were startled by a loud noise, and later found a large hole in the ground, with pieces of rock scattered around. A number of people began digging for the aerial missile, but finally gave up the job, after coming to the conclusion that the aerolite in striking the hard ground was shattered in fragments.

THE FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Dolph presented a memorial from the Legislature of Washington Territory, praying for the admission of that Territory to the Union of the States. As a bill on the same subject has already been reported and is now on the calendar awaiting action by the Senate, the petition was laid on the table.

Memorials from the Society of Friends, urging Congress to promote by legislation the establishment of an international tribunal of arbitration was presented by a number of Senators.

Mr. Van Wyck's bill to confirm entries of public lands under the public land laws was reported favorably from the committee on public lands, and placed on the calendar.

Mr. Frye introduced his bill, heretofore published, to promote the political and commercial prosperity of the American nations, and it was appropriately referred.

Mr. Morgan offered the following preamble and resolutions, which, at his request, were ordered printed and laid on the table for the present:

WHEREAS, A majority of the committee of the judiciary have originated a report to the Senate and recommended the adoption of the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Senate hereby expresses its condemnation of the refusal of the Attorney-General, under whatever influence, to send the Senate copies of papers called for by its resolution of the 26th of January, and set forth in the report of the committee on the judiciary as in violation of his official duty and subversive of the fundamental principles of the Government and of a good administration thereof;" and

WHEREAS, The Senate, if said resolution is adopted as being true upon the facts and as matter of law, will thereby announce the prejudice of a majority of this body—without any trial according to law—that the Attorney-General of the United States is guilty of and condemned for wilfully committing an offense in the conduct of his office which is in violation of his official duty, and is subversive of the fundamental principles of the Government of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney-General, if he has in fact wilfully committed any offense that is in violation of his official duty and is subversive of the fundamental principles of the Government of the United States, is only amenable to the condemnation of the Senate when the Senate is sitting with the Chief Justice of the United States as a court of impeachment to hear and decide upon articles of impeachment presented by the House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, It is alleged that the Senate has no rightful authority to cause the Attorney-General of the United States to be arrested, tried and punished for a contempt of its authority and dignity, if the Senate shall declare that such contempt has been committed by him upon the facts stated and the averments made in said resolution and in the report which accompanies the same; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate would be exposed to just censure if they, in the manner recommended by the committee on the judiciary, proceed to announce their judgment of condemnation against the Attorney-General of the United States upon an accusation that includes an offense which is punishable by impeachment, and the Senate would also be expose to just censure if it should attempt to declare the Attorney-General to be in contempt of its authority, and to pass judgment of condemnation against him for such contempt without having been notified of the charge and arraigned to answer to same at the bar of the Senate,

Resolved, That the committee on privileges and elections be instructed to inquire into and report on the question whether the offense alleged against the Attorney-General of the United States in said resolution is of the class of offenses for which the head of a department may be impeached and removed from office, and whether the Senate can take jurisdiction of said alleged offense in the manner provided for in said resolution, and can proceed to convict and condemn the Attorney-General in advance of a trial for said offense by a resolution of the Senate, there being no impeachment of said officer in the mode required by the Constitution.

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to inquire and report whether the Senate has the power, under the law and rules adopted for its government, to arrest, try, convict and punish the Attorney-General of the United States for contempt of its rightful authority;

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to inquire and report whether the matter stated and referred to in the manner as put forth in the resolution reported from the committee on the judiciary above copied, constitute any crime or misdemeanor in office under any law of the United States, and, if so, what penalty is annexed to the said crime or misdemeanor, and what tribunal has the rightful jurisdiction to try and, on conviction, to condemn the Attorney-General of the United States to punishment for the same.

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to consider, ascertain and report whether in the conduct of the Attorney-General, as stated in the resolution reported from the committee on the judiciary and in the accompanying report, has violated any and what law of the United States, and in what respect he has violated said law, and whether he has done any and what acts in the conduct of the business of his office, to which said resolution relates, that he might not have done in the exercise of his lawful discretion.

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to inquire and report whether the Senate has any constitutional right and power to give its advice and consent to removals from office by the President, and whether, by withholding such advice and consent the Senate can prevent the removal of any person from office by the President.

Resolved, That said committee inquire and report whether the Senate, if a majority shall agree to the resolution above cited (which was reported from the committee on the judiciary), has the right under the Constitution to withhold its consent to the removal of persons by the President, who are unfit for office under the circumstances mentioned in said report of the committee on the judiciary and in the resolutions reported by said committee, and whether the Senate can bind its members by any declaration of the duty of the Senate, or by any rule, as a duty to the Senate, as the same is declared in the following resolution touching the powers and proper conduct of the Senate, which was also reported by the committee on the judiciary, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That it is, under these circumstances, the duty of the Senate to refuse its advice and consent to proposed removals of officers, the documents and papers in reference to the supposed official or personal misconduct of whom are withheld by the executive or any head of a department, when deemed necessary by the Senate and called for in considering the matter."

After the reading of Mr. Morgan's resolutions, on motion of Mr. Hoar, the Senate took up for consideration the bill appropriating $250,000 for the erection of a monument in Washington in memory of General Grant.

Mr. Plumb thought no such monument was necessary, as General Grant's fame did not depend on monuments. The feeling for both Grant and Lincoln was more lasting than any monument could witness. A monument would be idle as a testimonial of the Nation's love and regard for Grant.

After debate, during which the present Lincoln monument was severely criticised, the Grant bill was passed.

The Senate then went to the calendar and postponed until a later day the bill proposing a woman's suffrage constitutional amendment.

Consideration of the Educational bill was then resumed, and Mr. Gray spoke in opposition to the bill. There was no precedent, Mr. Gray said, properly so-called for a bill of this character. Education in the States was not only wholly outside of the jurisdiction of the United States Government, but exclusively in that of the several States. Mr. Gray admitted that the persons most entitled to be called "authorities" conflicted as to the scope of the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution, but believed the weight of authority to be decidedly with those who did not believe that clause capable of the interpretation claimed for it by the advocates of the bill now before the Senate. In conclusion Mr. Gray said: "I trust it may not be considered presumptive in me if I beg the Senators older in experience and wiser than I to hesitate long before taking the first step in this new and unexpected pathway of federal encroachment. Down its dark vistas I see shapes of direful portent, and I shrink from the encounter. Over the leveled bulwarks of the Constitution will come thronging thick and fast the armies of centralization and the enemies of local self-government. We may still find life worth living, under the new dispensation, but will never cease to mourn the Constitution of our fathers, wounded to death in the house of its friends. I have no desire to see the map of the United States painted over with one color. I at least shall not assist in thus obliterating the lines of the States, and with them the ancient land marks of the Constitution.

Mr. Plumb also opposed the bill. He regarded it as an anomaly in legislation, appropriating money, not only for one year, but for eight years. He had no doubt that at the end of the eight years, if the pabulum now provided were not continued, conventions would meet and delegations would be sent to Washington to urge Congress to keep on appropriating more money. We must therefore understand that in passing this bill we are arranging for expenditures for generations yet to come. Large appropriations had come to have something attractive in them, and an appropriation of $77,000,000 was seventy seven time more attractive than an appropriation of $1,000,000.

Mr. Call spoke in favor of the bill. It was idle, he said, to deny that the war had destroyed the relations between industry and property in the South. The South had been left with disordered industries and with landed property having no convertible value in money. No people had ever striven harder than the people of the South to foster education, or had given money to education with a more liberal hand. Mr. Call was utterly unable to see the force of the nice distinction attempted to be drawn by the opponents of this bill between money in the treasury, resulting from taxation, and money resulting from sales of public lands. Over $500,000,000 had been paid by the people of the United States for the public domain, and by the proceeds of sales of that domain the general government had always aided education in the States. Mr Call recognized the constitutional power of the general Government to aid the States—with their own consent, and the constitutional power of the States to aid the general Government. Such aid had been recognized as constitutional from the foundation of the Government.

At five o'clock the Senate, on motion of Mr. Edmunds, went into executive session, and when, shortly afterward, the doors were reopened, adjourned.

HOUSE.

In the House to-day, on motion of Mr. Forney (Ala.), a resolution was adopted granting leave to the appropriation committee to sit during the sessions of the House.

A joint resolution was reported by Mr. Morrison from the ways and means committee, directing the payment of the surplus in the treasury on the public debt. Referred to the committee of the whole. Mr. Hewitt will file a minority report.

Bills were reported as follows:

By Mr. Weber (N. Y.), from the committee on railways and canals: For the permanent improvement of the Erie and Oswego canals and to secure the freedom of the same to the commerce of the United States. Referred to the committee of the whole.

By Mr Jones (Tex.), from the committee on post-offices and post-roads: Authorizing the payment of postal notes at any money order office. Calendared.

By Mr. Tucker (Va.), from the committee on the judiciary: Providing that no person shall be held to answer for any crime whereof the punishment may be loss of life or liberty except on presentment or indictment of a grand jury, and in cases arising in the land or naval forces or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger. House calendar.

By Mr. Ellsberry (O.), from the committee on invalid pensions: Granting pensions to all invalid soldiers or their widows or children who are dependent on their daily labor for support. Committee of the whole.

By Mr. Buchanan (N. J.), from the committee on claims: For the relief of the survivors of the Jeannette expedition, and the widows and children of those who perished. Placed on the private calendar.

The House took up the bill authorizing the several executive departments to exhibit articles at the New Orleans Exposition. By a vote of yeas, 135; nays, 112, the bill was laid on the table.

The bill forfeiting the unearned land grant of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company was then taken up. On motion of Mr. Holman an amendment was adopted providing that the lands forfeited shall be subject to settlement under the homestead law only. A proposition to forfeit all the lands of the company not earned within the time limited by the granting act was rejected, and the bill was passed without division.

On motion of Mr. Morrison (Ill.) it was ordered that Saturday's shall be devoted to general debate in committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

At 3 20 p. m. the House adjourned.

An Important and Valuable Discovery.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 24.—Mr. John Norton and John Tate, employes at the National Tube Works, McKeesport, have, after much outlay, both of money and labor, discovered and thoroughly tested on a small scale a process whereby the finest quality of wrought iron is produced direct from the ore and with very little additional expense, entirely obviating the slow and expensive puddling process now in use. The process has been duly patented and promises to attract national notice. Numbers of offers for the patent have been received by the men.

A Convict Shot and Instantly Killed.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 24.—A Stillwater special says: A convict named Frank Smith was shot and instantly killed by Deputy Warden Reed yesterday morning. He became troublesome, and began smashing the machinery with a sledge. He attacked Reed, who, after warning him, fired, the ball passing through the upper part of Smith's body.

WITHIN THE CAPITOL.

SOME OF THE INTERESTING CHARACTERS THERE.

The Little Old French Woman—The Card Writer—The Ladies' Reception Room—The Bank of the House of Representatives—Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Some of the most interesting scenes about congress do not get into the newspapers. The Capitol is a little city in itself, and its four floors cover nearly twelve acres of space, every inch of which just now booms with the life of a hot congressional session. In this city the streets cross and recross each other. They wind in and out through dark passages, until, without a guide, the stranger becomes bewildered and lost. The population of this city is made up of the busiest, wittiest and brainiest men from all parts of the United States. It has its aristocrats and its plebeians, its millionaires and its paupers, its masters and servants. It contains citizens of both sexes. It abounds in queer characters and its population is as cosmopolitan as that of Paris. In it a constant buying and selling is going on, and the articles of merchandise range as high as the price of the vote of a congressman or senator, and fall as low as that of a big red apple.

All that the public knows of this mighty beehive city is that which goes on in the chambers of the house and senate and in the parlors of the supreme court. It enters only the places where the leading men of the Capitol City pose for the outside world, and and where the god of buncombe is all supreme. In these letters I propose to give you a wider view of congressional life, to take you into the untrodden paths of this great town, and point out to you the many things that are unwritten and unknown.

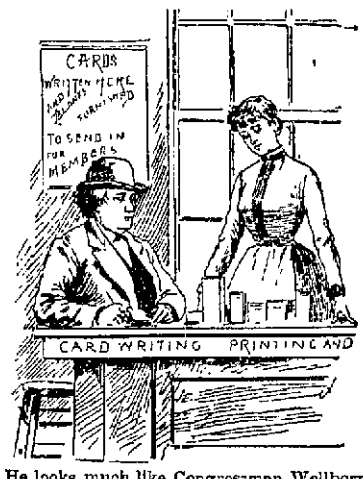
The main boulevard of the Capitol City is the lower passage which runs from the senate at one end of the building to the front door of the house at the other. It is a grand, vaulted, arcaded street twenty feet wide, paved with gayly colored tiles, and during the session filled with a jostling, hurrying throng of sightseers, statesmen, messengers, lobbyists and people of all classes conditions, ages and sexes. Booths of different kinds are kept in the recesses which jut off from its side, and as it nears the house door it is walled with telegraph offices, cable offices and cigar stands.

Leaving the senate it goes past the supreme court and its gray-headed colored doorkeeper, on through the rotunda under the great dome, by the little French woman into statuary hall, and on between the new statues of Robert Fulton and James A. Garfield into the corridor leading straight to the house door.

The little old French woman, just beyond the rotunda, is one of the characters of the Capitol. For years upon years she has been standing behind her counter selling trinkets to generation after generation of bridal couples and Washington sightseers. No one knows when she first came to the Capitol, and old statesmen will tell you that she looks as young now as when they first came to congress. She told me one day that she was present in the supreme court when Garfield was sworn in as a lawyer, and she prides herself upon having been the friend of president after president back to the days of the war. Behind her she has engravings of Presidents Garfield, Hayes and Grant, and her picture of Grant is draped in mourning. She is a petite little body, with a very fair complexion, and eyes which, though beautiful once, are now deeply sunken. Little iron gray curls hang down upon her forehead out of the big broad-brimmed hat which she always wears. She has on a cream-colored necktie, and her shoulders are covered with a curious little cape of bright red plaid, fringed at the shoulders. She talks with a foreign accent, and bustles around as busily as though she were in charge of the whole building. Every day she pays a five minutes' visit to the ladies' galleries of the house and senate. She knows most of the prominent men in public life, and the statesmen speak to her as they pass by. She sells photographs of public men, pictures of Washington, models of the Washington monument and little images made of canceled greenbacks ground up into pulp, so that you may get a paper weight made up of money that was once worth $5,000. She makes a good living by it, too, and I am told that she owns a row of houses here at the capital, and has given her children a fine education.

LITTLE FRENCH WOMAN.

Just beyond this cigar stand you come to the lobbies of the house, and here are found some of the liveliest scenes of the Capitol. The wide boulevard branches off at this point in two directions, like the head of a "T," and runs all around the house chamber. The grand entrance door has always a great crowd surrounding it. Two doorkeepers are kept busy guarding it, and carrying cards into the members. The card writing is done by a frowsy-headed little fellow at a desk to the left of the entrance.



He looks much like Congressman Wellborn, of Texas, and his head is shaped somewhat like that of Stephen A. Douglas. He is related to neither, however, and is noted for nothing but being a good penman. Wellborn was very angry the other day at being taken for him, but, in the final round-up, the card writer may come off as well as Wellborn.

None but congressmen are permitted to enter the house during a session, but members can be called out by means of cards, and this scene at the door of the house is one worth watching. Office seekers are buttonholing members, and I see one little fellow worrying Governor Curtin. Curtin listens to him sympathetically, and, as the office seeker turns to go, I hear the old man say: "These office seekers will not let me rest. My life is made a torture by them." Beyond Curtin, a little page rushes through with a message, and back of him Charley Sherrill, a lobbyist, who, it is said, has a salary of $10,000 a year, stands beside a poor cotton claimant who says he lost $500,000 in cotton by the Union army, and whose appearance shows that he has not now enough to buy a decent overcoat. In another part of the crowd I see Congressman Scott with a cigar in his hand, talking to a constituent, and on to the right is a wild-eyed stranger with a cane, who is trying to attract some one's attention in the crowd further down the corridor.

You see few ladies at this door of the house, but congressmen will tell you that the ladies of the lobby are the greatest bore of their lives. By this I do not mean lady lobbyists. There are few purely business lobbyists among the ladies of the Capitol, and the character abounds more in fiction than in reality. But there are scores of women with claims, women office seekers and adventuresses of different kinds that come to the Capitol; and the rooms reserved for their reception are always full while

congress is in session. The ladies' reception room of the house is opposite the north door. It is a long room, with great white marble corinthian columns running through its center, and with a number of red cushioned leather chairs and sofas around its walls. As I passed through it to-day it contained forty ladies, some sitting and waiting and others engaged in talking to congressmen. Representative Springer was engaged with two ladies by one pillar, and I noticed a very pretty woman talking to Silver Dollar Warner in another part of the room. The ladies come to this room and give their cards to a man at the desk within it. He sends the cards in to their respective members by a page, and the members are expected to come out and see their callers. Sometimes they come and sometimes they don't, and some members instruct the boys to go out and tell the ladies that they are not in. A moment later the lady in question goes to the gallery and sees her member in his seat. She then comes down with fire in her eye and charges the boy with lying. The majority of the women callers are office seekers. Some of them are gay society women, some are the wives of members, and not a few are widows in black who come to talk about their pensions. Several hundred lady callers send in cards every day, and it is not an uncommon thing to see a kind hearted congressman give money here to needy women whom he cannot furnish with offices.

Just opposite this reception room, away around at the other side of the Capitol, is the sergeant-at-arms' office, or the bank of the house of representatives. It is here that

the members are paid, and here many of them do all their banking business. It is a long hall-like room, with a high vaulted ceiling, and walls kalsomined in light pink. As you enter you step into a carpeted space like that in front of a narrow bank office, and all your surroundings are those of an ordinary bank. On the left are desk shelves, with racks above them, containing checks and deposit blanks, and on the other side, back of the railing and wallet off by a net work or wire as high as your head, the teller and cashier look out of two little holes through which they pay out or receive money. Standing beside them is a big safe, eight feet high and about six feet wide, with walls of iron two feet thick, in which the money is kept, and which contains every year about $3,000,000. Congressmen are paid in greenbacks, and these are brought here every day by a messenger to the amount of tens of thousands of dollars, in packages of 100 bills each. These bills range from $5 to $100, and they are kept inside the safe, in a little tin box about half the size of a bread box. I looked at some of the packages to-day, and coveted a little one of 100 $100 bills, worth $10,000, and not thicker than your finger.

J. P. LEEDOM.

Congressmen can check upon the bank of the Capitol to the extent of their deposit or their salary, but they cannot check out the money before it is earned. Some of them do not draw any money till the end of the year, and take their whole $5,000 at once. Others check out their pay every month, and others live from hand to mouth and come in regularly and draw their $15 every day. Some of the wealthier members keep thousands of dollars here on deposit, and there was a member not long ago who kept as much as $50,000 in the bank here. A close account is kept with every congressman, and a regular set of banking books are balanced every day. In addition to their salaries members are here paid their mileage, and as an example of the inequality of the present system Delegate Bean, of Arizona, receives $1,600 every year for mileage, while Representative Barbour, of Virginia, can draw only $3.20. When I was in the sergeant-at-arms' office to-day Tom Reed was standing with his hat on and his hands in his pockets talking to Charley Felton, the richest congressman, to whom the teller was paying some money. On the other side of Felton stood Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom, the banker of the house, and beside him, in a plug hat, Speaker Carlisle. The house had just adjourned, and these men were chatting together over the debate of the day as though they were the closest of friends, and did not know the meaning of the terms Democrat and Republican.

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